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Thatcher and Lawson compromise on pound

Base rate cut signals end to policy dispute

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The squabble over the pound between the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer ended yesterday, with a base rate cut led by the Bank of England, after a strong rise in sterling.

The cut in rates from 9 to 8.5 per cent showed that a compromise has been reached on the management of the pound.

Meanwhile, Mr Nigel Lawson, who earlier this week said that he did not intend any further reforms of personal taxes and has been dispirited by the clash over the pound with Mrs Margaret Thatcher, added to speculation that he may soon move on from his job.

"Nobody goes on being Chancellor of the Exchequer for ever," he said on BBC radio. "I have been Chancellor of the Exchequer for much longer than most people. But whether or not this is my last Budget, time will tell."

The latest unemployment figures, published yesterday, showed a 33,400 drop to 2,531,300, the nineteenth successive monthly fall.

. Britain's unemployment rate is now below that of France, Belgium and the Netherlands, but there are signs that the fall in unemployment is slowing.

The Chancellor had issued a warning in his Budget speech that the drop in unemployment was likely to moderate this year.

The main banks cut their base rates from 9 to 8.5 per cent, after the Bank of England's signal, after the pound soared in overnight trading in the Far East.

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Sterling rose to DM3.1080 and $1.86 as overseas investors reconsidered Britain's balanced Budget and and bought the pound heavily.

The signal to cut rates from the Bank of England, at 9.45am, took the City by surprise and came after an instruction from the Chancellor.

The Treasury will not attempt to target the pound as tightly against the German mark as before, when an unofficial DM3 ceiling was resolutely defended, and prolonged and heavy foreign exchange intervention will not be used to restrain the pound.

Downing Street sources said that the Prime Minister still regarded large-scale intervention in the foreign exchange markets as throwing good money after bad.

But the Bank's move yesterday showed that action will be taken to prevent the pound from rising too sharply, and the Government's aim will be broad stability for the exchange rate.

Treasury and Bank of England officials believe that the pre-Budget policy of keeping the pound below DM3 gave the financial markets a ready target to aim at. The intention now will be to prevent such certainties and to keep the markets guessing.

Mrs Thatcher endorsed the cut in interest rates during Question Time in the House of Commons, and officials said that she was "behind it 100 per cent."

The Chancellor, interviewed on BBC radio, said that it was "important for British business and industry to feel that there is a reasonable degree of stability in the exchange rate."

The cut in base rates, which will reduced industry's borrowing costs by £125 million a year, was welcomed by the Confederation of British Industry.

"This is exactly the kind of step that the CBI had hoped to see following the Budget", d Mr John Banham, the CBI director general, said. "There should be scope for further cuts before too long."

The building societies did not raise mortgage rates when base rates rose by half a point early last month, and are not presently planning a cut.

Reaction in the City was muted. Shares were lifted from their worst levels but concern remained over the strength of the pound and its impact on exporters.

The FT-SE 100 index, having opened 11.4 points down, closed 2.4 points up at 1,828.1. Government stocks fell in spite of the base rate reduction, because of fears of higher inflation.

These fears were emphasized in figures for average earnings published by the Department of Employment yesterday.

Average earnings growth accelerated in manufacturing and the increase for the whole economy in the 12 months to January was 8.5 per cent.

Kinnock pledges higher tax band

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock last night committed a future Labour government to restoring the graduated system of higher income tax which the Chancellor abolished in Tuesday's Budget.

In a television interview, Mr Kinnock said the gap between the new 25p basic rate and the higher rate of 40p was "not sustainable in economic and moral terms."

Mr Kinnock declined to be drawn on what the new rates would be. They are currently the subject of consideration by a confidential review group on economic policy, chaired by Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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KINNOCK'S TAX CHANGES
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But he did not rule out the possibility of a return to a 60p top rate. One of the options being considered by the review group is for a graded system with rates at 15, 34 and 60 per cent.

Mr Smith is thought to be in favour of a lower top rate, possibly 50 or 55 per cent, but with several bands rising smoothly from 15 per cent.

Mr Smith said yesterday that Labour was working towards a new "fair" policy on taxation in which the starting rate was lower than 25 per cent.

He cited with approval West German proposals for a smooth transition from 18 to 56 per cent, saying: "I think that is the proper style of an income tax system."

In his interview, on Thames TV's *This Week* programme, Mr Kinnock appeared almost to be goading Mr Tony Benn into challenging him for the leadership this year. He suggested that Mr Benn was being cautious because he "knows who's going to win and win triumphantly."

On taxation he said: "Certainly the top rate of tax woauld have to go up anc it would be graded according to income." He suggested that people were actually paying tax at 34p when National Insurance contributions were included, while the wealthy were paying 40 per cent. "That gap is not really sustinable in economic terms and moral terms."

He promised that Labour would spread the number of people who were capable of paying tax.

The Times presents the Thyssen masterpieces

"Portrait of a Spanish Princess" (perhaps Catherine of Aragon) by Juan de Flandes. *Below*, "La Toilette" by *Boucher*, whose wife posed as the lady fastening her garter

By Sarah Jane Checkland,
Art Market Correspondent

A unique exhibition of Old Masters has arrived in London: 50 superb works owned by Baron Hans-Heinrich Thyssen-Bornemisza, perhaps the most powerful collector and connoisseur alive. It opens at the Royal Academy in Piccadilly today, as a result of sponsorship from *The Times*.

From paupers to patriarchs, from peasants to prophets, the exhibition represents a parade of personalities reaching back through time. It also demonstrates some of the finest techniques in the history of western art, as deployed by many of the finest artists: Canaletto, Caravaggio, Van Dyck, Goya, El Greco, Holbein and Rubens are all here.

Last year *The Times* approached Baron Thyssen with the suggestion that some of his paintings might be exhibited in London. At that time, certain highlights of his collection were already on show in Moscow, and destined for

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A royal tribute to Major Lindsay

By Alan Hamilton

Ten members of the Royal Family, led by the Prince and Princess of Wales, joined a congregation of nearly 1,000 in the memorial chapel of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, yesterday for the funeral of Major Hugh Lindsay, who died when an avalanche hit the Prince's skiing party in Switzerland last Thursday.

Such a gathering of royalty at a burial service has not been seen since the funeral of the Duchess of Windsor two years ago. It indicated the respect and affection in which Major Lindsay, a former equerry to the Queen, was held.

His comrades in the 9/12th Royal Lancers bade him farewell with customary military honour.

Eight pall-bearers from the regiment, all personal friends, accompanied by a 100-man escort walking in slow time with lances reversed, bore the coffin. It was draped in the Union flag on top of which was his cap, medals and a wreath of red and yellow flowers from his widow Sarah, who is expecting her first baby in May.

Mrs Lindsay sat in the front pew of the airy Renaissance-style chapel with her father and mother. Across the aisle sat the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Edward, The Princess Royal, The Duke of Gloucester, Viscount Linley, representing his mother Princess Margaret, Lady Sarah Armstrong Jones and Miss Marina Ogilvy. Three uniformed equerries represented the Queen, the Queen Mother and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Behind them, the chapel was almost filled with men of the regiment and former comrades from Major Lindsay's tours of duty.

The service, conducted by the Rev Peter Emmett, senior chaplain at Sandhurst, was traditional, and very English, introduced by Elgar's Enigma Variations and proceeding through the comfortingly familiar words and music of the 23rd and 121st psalms.

The Prince of Wales, his voice reported by those inside to be steady and composed, read the equally familiar lesson from the Book of Revelation: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth."

● ***KLOSTERS:*** Mrs Pattie Palmer-Tomkinson, aged 46, who was injured in the avalanche that killed Major Lindsay is still in the intensive care unit of Davos hospital where yesterday she had a further operation on her damaged legs She faces yet another operation in six or seven weeks, said a hospital official,

Mrs Sarah Lindsay leaving her parents' home in Godalming yesterday on her way to the funeral service at Sandhurst.

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Sharpeville Six win a reprieve

From Michael Hornsby
Pretoria

The Supreme Court in Pretoria yesterday granted a four-week stay of execution to the Sharpeville Six, the five black men and one woman who had been due to hang this morning for the murder of a black township councillor four years ago.

Mr Dennis Kuny, for the six, said that an application would be made to reopen the trial.

The judge, Mr W.J. Human, agreed that "a reappraisal of the entire case" might be called for in the light of new information that a black State witness may have committed perjury by implicating two of the six after being assaulted by police.

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Ford scraps new factory plan

By Kerry Gill

The Ford Motor Company yesterday revealed that it would not after all set up a £40 million components factory in Dundee because of bitter inter-union squabbling.

The plant, which would have eventually brought as many as 1,500 jobs to the city, has been the victim of a furious inter-union row which broke out in the wake of an agreement reached with the Amalgamated Engineering Union for a one-union deal.

The decision to abandon the plan, which will be announced officially today by the company, will be a blow to the TUC, which had flown a delegation led by Mr Norman Willis, the General Secretary, to Detroit in a bid to talk Ford chiefs into giving them more time for inter-union negotiations.

Uproar was caused within the TUC because rival unions claimed that the Dundee deal flew in the face of existing union agreements with the Ford Motor Company.

Last night Mr Gavin Laird, General Secretary of the AEU, reacted furiously: "Never in all my adult life have I felt so sickened. It seems to me that their (the unions') spurious principles are more important than jobs. I am absolutely sick."

Ford, which would have started work on the plant on the outskirts of Dundee within a few months, had said that if the unions did not patch up their differences and agree to Mr Laird's one-union deal it would look elsewhere.

The plant would have brought 400 jobs initially, but it was expected that eventually 1,500 jobs would be created.

The Scotish Development Agency, which had helped to attract Ford to Scotland, said last night that it was "devastated", adding that unions who had objected to the AEU deal could not sidestep their responsibility for losing such an important investment for the country.

Lord Goold, chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, said he was "dumbfounded by the stupidity of the unions."

It is not now clear where Ford will eventually site its plant, but it is virtually certain that it will not be in the United Kingdom; it may well be in Austria.

Ford's decision is not just a massive blow for Dundee, which already has high unemployment, but is also a disastrous decision for Scotland as a whole.

US sends 3,150 soldiers into Honduras

From Michael Binyon in Washington and Christopher Thomas in Tegucigalpa

US troops began arriving in Honduras last night as President Reagan's decision to send 3,150 soldiers to Central America provoked protests in America and Nicaragua.

As the first of 26 planeloads of troops arrived at Palmerola air base, the main centre of US military operations in Honduras, a US Embassy spokesman said that the remainder of the C141 planes would land at 30-minute intervals. Palmerola is about 40 miles north-west of Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

President Reagan's order was issued after Congress had gone home on Wednesday evening. It directed two battalions of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and two battalions of the 7th Infantry Division to leave for Honduras immediately.

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White House officials said the soldiers were sent in response to a request from President Azcona for US help in turning back 2,000 Nicaraguan troops who crossed the border

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, called the action "a measured response designed to show our staunch support for the democratic Government of Honduras at a time when its territorial integrity is being violated by the Cuban and Soviet-supported Sandinista Army."

The decision took the Pentagon by surprise and officials appeared uncertain about what role the troops would play.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, said in Berne, Switzerland, where he has been holding talks with Mr Dmitri Yazov, his Russian counterpart, that the US forces would remain 20 miles from the Nicaraguan border and would not be involved in any hostilities.

Present Ortega of Nicaragua called for an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council. He described the despatch of the US soldiers to Honduras as "a very dangerous act" and a direct threat to Nicaragua.

Congressional Democrats angrily accused the US Administration of creating an artitical crisis to force Congress to reinstate military aid

They said the action could herald a dangerous escalation of US involvement in Central America.

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Doctors divided on spread of Aids

Aids may become "unstoppable" in Britain before heterosexuals accept that they are at risk from it, according to a group of Scottish doctors working with Aids patients.

Their warning, in a letter to the *British Medical Journal* today, clashes with the opinion of other doctors, from Bournemouth, who have written to the journal saying fears of the disease spreading rapidly have been exaggerated.

The letters coincide with the publication of a survey which suggests that few young people have changed their sexual behaviour or think they are at risk of Aids.

The survey, carried out for West Midlands regional health authority last summer, showed that only 18 per cent had changed their sexual lifestyle to avoid infection.

Short takes title

Nigel Short last night won the Euwe memorial chess tournament in Amsterdam.

He made sure of the £5,000 first prize by forcing a rapid draw against Anatoly Karpov, of the Soviet Union, the former world champion. Short said it was "the most important tournament victory of my life".

It was the strongest World Chess Federation tournament for 18 years. Short finished with four points, Karpov and Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) with 3½, and Jan Timman (The Netherlands) one point.

Cancer drug hope

The risks of breast cancer recurring in patients who have surgery for the disease may be reduced by a new drug, bromocriptine.

It blocks the production of prolactin, a stress-related hormone. Prolactin can stimulate breast cancer cells to multiply if shed from the tumour during surgery.

Trials at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's oncology unit at Guy's Hospital, London, found "far fewer multiplying cells in the women taking the drug", Mr Ian Fentiman, deputy director of the unit, said yesterday.

Reprieve for conifers

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, made clear last night his office will continue to give grants for the planting of conifer forests, although Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, has said they will not normally be available in England or Wales. The Scottish Office said that forestry was the only suitable use for much upland and so a different approach was needed north of the border.

£900m for new jobs

A £900 million expansion plan has been drafted by the Welsh Office to create 30,000 jobs.

It is a five-year project to regenerate the economy, environment and social climate of South Wales, one of the highest unemployment blackspots in Europe.

The draft, which relies heavily on a £400 million contribution from the EEC regional committee, will be put to Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales.

City loses attraction

Fewer Cambridge graduates are opting for jobs in the City, the university's careers service annual report says. Careers in finance careers had become very popular, but last year only 6 per cent chose them.

Industry still fails to attract Cambridge graduates. In 1985 15 per cent went into industry while last year the total was 10 per cent. Firms do not put enough effort and money into recruitment, the report says.

Minister rebukes priests for remarks at terrorists' funerals

King appeal for Ulster restraint

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Mr Tom King yesterday sought to reduce tension and prevent tit for tat retaliation within Northern Ireland by appealing for calm and urging people to avoid using language that stirred up violence and hatred.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland rounded on certain Roman Catholic priests for their remarks at the funerals of the three Provisional IRA terrorists shot in Gibraltar and urged the media to be aware of their responsibility in what they broadcast from the province.

Mr King dismissed as "monstrous" and a demonstrably [illegible] allegation by Provisional Sinn Fein that there was collusion between the security forces and the [illegible] who shot and bombed the funeral at Milltown cemetery in west Belfast.

He said the RUC faced a dilemma over paramilitary funerals. If policemen stayed away at the request of Roman Catholic families they were accused of exposing people to the risk of violence.

Mr King, with the Prime Minister at his side in the Commons during his statement on the "loyalist" attack on the funerals of the three Provisional IRA terrorists, said everybody in the province had a responsibility to calm down and repudiate violence.

He said he had been "deeply distressed" at some of the comments given in some of the addresses at the funerals. "It is the responsibility of all to avoid any language that may itself help to stir up violence and hatred."

Mr King's concern at the media's handling of events surrounding paramilitary funerals has grown since pictures were shown of three masked Provisional IRA men in paramilitary uniform firing a volley of shots over a "shrine" to the three shot terrorists in a west Belfast back street.

He ruled out emulation of the Irish Republic, which bans Provisional Sinn Fein leaders from its state radio, but said television had a great responsibility in deciding what to broadcast.

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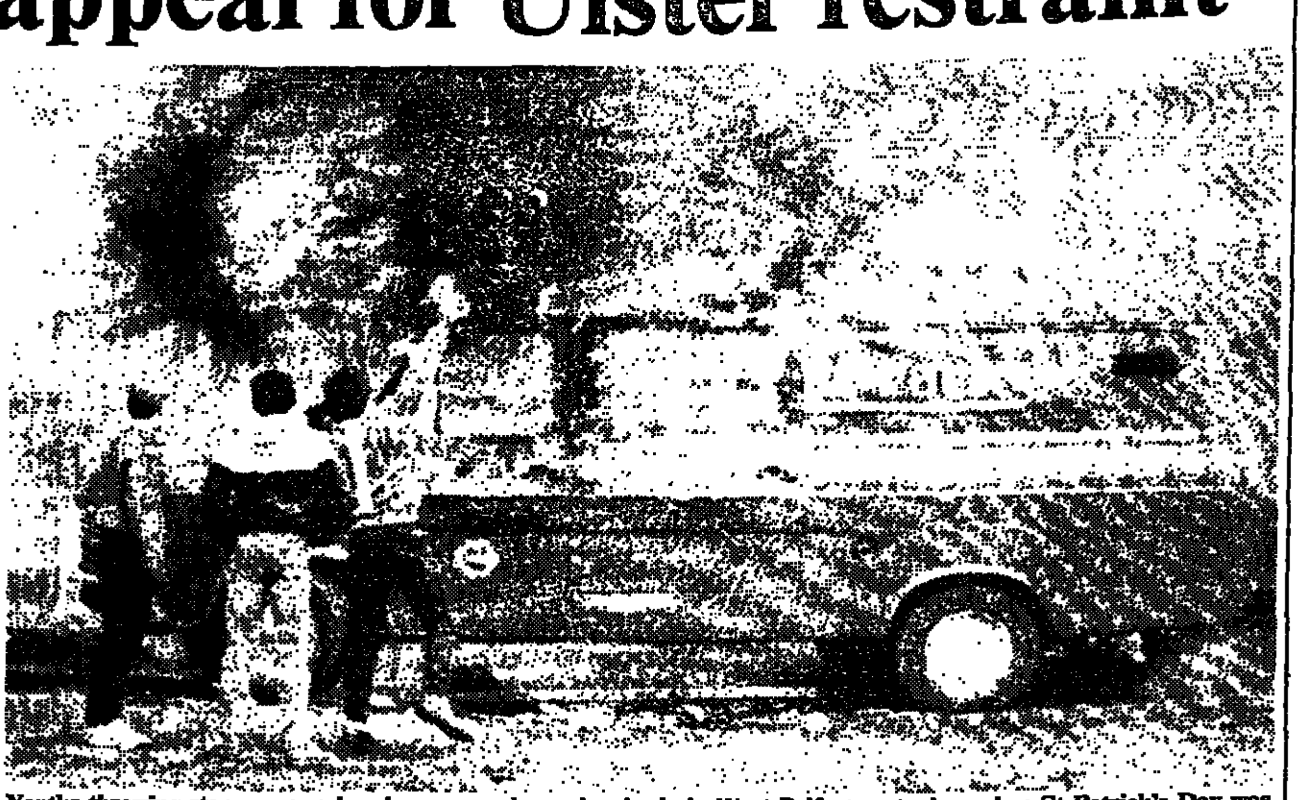

Youths throwing stones over a burning van used as a barricade in West Belfast yesterday, when St Patrick's Day was marked by appeals for calm. Police said there were some vehicle hijacks but few incidents involving serious violence.

Seizures spark fear of arms build-up

By David Sapsted

Fresh weapon seizures in Ireland yesterday and the use of half a dozen military fragmentation grenades in Wednesday's attack on the funeral of the IRA's Gibraltar bombers have heightened fears of a renewed build-up of paramilitary arsenals in Ulster.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary admitted yesterday that it was "very concerned" that an anti-tank bazooka was among a cache of IRA arms discovered by police in Co Cavan in the republic.

In Londonderry, the third seizure of rocket launchers and explosives in a week is believed by the RUC to have thwarted an IRA onslaught.

Despite a string of spectacular successes in arms seizures in recent months – highlighted by the 130-tonne haul of IRA guns, rockets and explosives from the freighter Eksund off the French coast in October – some supplies have still been reaching Northern Ireland.

Most of the weaponry is made in the Soviet bloc and the grenades used in Wednesday's attack were believed to have originated in Czechoslovakia and been shipped to the coast of Co Down towards the end of last year.

They were part of a joint purchase by the Ulster Defence Association and the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force.

In January, the UDA's part of the shipment, including 61 Kalashnikov rifles, 30 pistols, 150 grenades and 7,000 rounds of ammunition, were seized when three cars were stopped by the RUC.

Shortly afterwards, a Soviet rocket launcher and more arms, grenades and ammunition, linked this time with the UVF, were recovered by the RUC in Belfast. Libya has been suggested as the source of weapons for both the IRA and "loyalist" groups.

One of the men being questioned by police after the cemetery killings is believed to have UVF connections.

Tense peace at burial of IRA gunman

An IRA gunman was buried in a tense but peaceful funeral yesterday at the cemetery where three people were killed and almost 70 were injured in Wednesday's attack.

Security forces again kept a discreet distance at Milltown cemetery, west Belfast, in spite of the murderous assault at the burial of the three IRA bombers shot in Gibraltar.

Father Aidan Denny told the requiem mass for Kevin McCracken, aged 31, who was shot dead by an Army patrol near his Turf Lodge home on Monday night, that the Gibraltar killings were state-approved murder.

Young people in Belfast grew up "constantly being harrassed and humiliated by the forces of law and order", he said. But he criticized violence against the security forces, saying: "Two wrongs do not make a right and never will". The decision not to call in security forces was taken by Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the RUC. Several RUC Land-Rovers were on the M1, about 400 metres from the cemetery. An Army helicopter hovered overhead.

The IRA avoided staging a paramilitary display. However, three masked gunmen earlier fired a volley over a photograph of McCracken near the cemetery.

● A white van parked near Milltown cemetery when the attack took place was a police traffic vehicle, the RUC said yesterday. Onlookers thought the van was a getaway vehicle.

● A big security operation began yesterday at Buxton, North Derbyshire, where Mrs Thatcher attends a Conservative Party conference at the weekend.

Ports face threat of all-out strike

By Roland Rudd

A national stoppage by seamen is poised to bring chaos to British ports after officials of the National Union of Seamen called for a ballot on an all-out strike in support of 2,200 workers dismissed in Dover.

The call came from the union's National Ferry Ports Committee, which represents union branch officials throughout the country, and will be put to the executive on Monday morning.

Committee members warned their union that a refusal to back the national action, which could land the union back in the courts, will lead to a mass unofficial stoppage.

P&O European Ferries has dismissed striking workers and offered them new contracts, with different terms and conditions.

More than 700 seamen have sent their new contracts, unsigned, to the union's Dover office and more are expected to follow suit today.

The company said that any form of secondary action would be swiftly met with injuctions.

Last month, the NUS was fined £7,500 and ordered to pay substantial costs after losing a High Court action over a dispute in the Isle of Man.

Meanwhile, French crews, employed by SCNF Sealink sevices at Calais, Dieppe and Dunkirk, yesterday voted to go on strike, effectively crippling Dover and forcing Sealink to cancel all its day-trip sailings.

The company said only one vessel, the St Anselm, which has a British crew, was operating between Dover and Calais.

In addition to the P&O strike, the French action reduced the capacity of Dover-based services to 25 per cent. Sealink's Folkestone-Boulogne service was operating normally.

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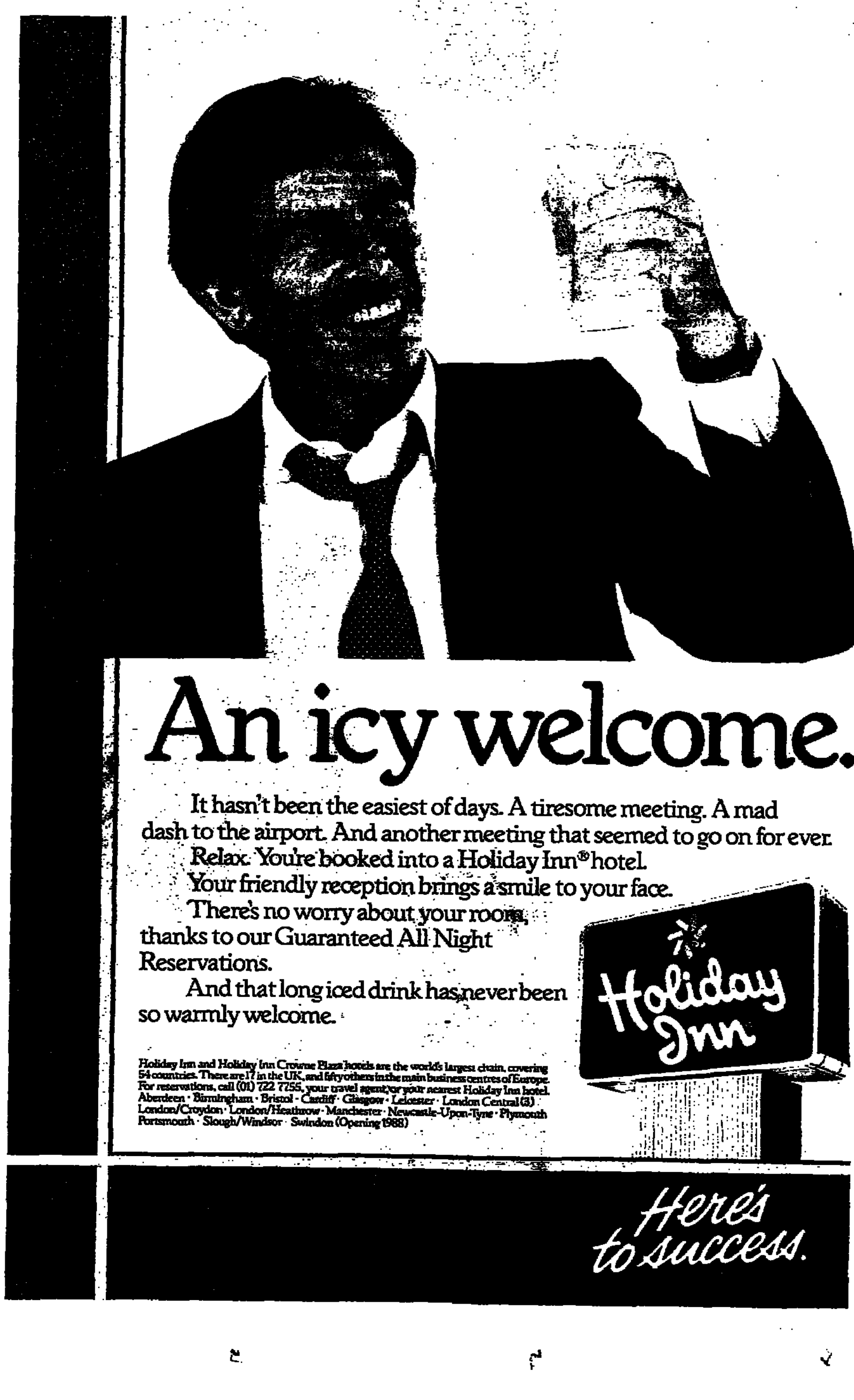

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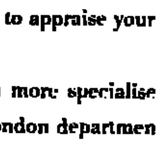

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BA may be forced to open sealed exits after safety ruling

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

British Airways may be forced to reopen two sealed doors on its fleet of 33 Boeing 747 jumbo jets after an American air safety ruling.

The doors were blocked off in 1985 because safety officials on both sides of the Atlantic decided that all the passengers could be evacuated within 90 seconds through half the available exits in an emergency.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Washington was not happy about the moves and is now insisting on a maximum distance of 60 ft between any doors on all aircraft on the American register.

This is about 12 ft less than the distance between the two middle doors on existing British Airways 747s.

Details of the ruling, which is planned to come into force this summer, have been sent to the Civil Aviation Authority in Britain. It is considering imposing the same rule on British jets.

That could mean that British Airways is forced to adapt every jumbo in service and reopen the blocked over-wing exits at a cost of millions of pounds.

Alternatively the authority may decide that only new aircraft must comply with the new rule, or even that it should be ignored for British registered aircraft.

The FAA ruling has embarrassed the CAA because British Airways is one of only a handful of airlines which sealed the exits in the first place. It was allowed to do so only after Boeing convinced the FAA that the aircraft could still be evacuated safely with four doors on either side rather than with five.

Within weeks of agreeing that the door could be blocked the FAA had written to American airlines urging them not to do so, even though they would have been technically within their rights. As a result none did, leaving BA, together with KLM, Thai International and a handful of other airlines flying with four exits instead of five on either side.

Since then the FAA has been studying new rules governing the safety of passengers and how they should be worded. They finally decided that the simplest and most effective way of controlling the number of exits was to limit the distance between any two doors to 60 ft.

Under the rule every new aircraft coming on the register in America will be required to have exits well within that limit.

The CAA, however, must now decide whether to follow the rule and limit it to new aircraft only – such as the 16 Boeing 747-400 jets now on order by BA – or to make it retrospective and apply the ruling to existing jets too.

"We are watching developments in the United States and will be making our own decisions shortly", a CAA spokesman said.

The CAA has believed that the 747 is safe with only four doors on either side because repeated evacuation tests have shown that the 412 passengers carried as a maximum on British Airways aircraft can get out in 90 seconds, the existing regulation.

British Airways said last night: "As far as we are concerned the aircraft is perfectly safe with only four main exit doors. The 747-400 has been ordered with eight main exits which complies fully with existing regulations. Naturally if the CAA makes other rules we shall comply with them."

Boeing is also opposed to the new ruling. "We commend the FAA for being decisive and timely but we do not agree with the decision. Data, tests in service experience and analysis show the distance between exit doors in 747s carrying up to 440 passengers with eight doors and up to 550 passengers with 10 doors provide for safe evacuation."

Nearly 30 per cent of 747s, 196 aircraft in all, are operated in an eight-door configuration, it says, and have accumulated more than 4.4 million flight hours safely.

When British Airways decided to block off its additional over-wing exit in 1985 it sparked a safety controversy. British Airways insisted, however, that not only was its move made in compliance with regulations but the aircraft remained perfectly safe.

Since then the transatlantic argument has persisted and the FAA has now finally moved to prevent any other airlines following the lead.

British Airways admits that reopening the exits will not only be costly but also complicated. It will be lobbying hard over the next few weeks to convince the CAA that it should not follow the American lead.

It is unlikely that the CAA will impose different standards from those set by the FAA. Its main concern will be to decide whether to make the rule retrospective, so involving all British Airways jumbos or whether to set the 60 ft rule for new aircraft only.

Cot deaths on the increase

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A sharp rise in cot deaths, the first increase for almost 20 years, is baffling health experts and leading to calls for more research into the causes of the syndrome.

According to Department of Health and Social Security figures, 1,536 cases of sudden infant death syndrome, as cot deaths are also known, occurred during 1986, an increase of 250 on the previous year, and the first rise since 1970.

Although the reasons why apparently healthy babies die unexpectedly remain unclear, researchers believe that some of the deaths can be prevented by close monitoring of the infants and their families.

Lady Limerick, vice-chairman of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, a charity which funds research, said yesterday: "I am very concerned that there has been this increase, and I am unhappy that it comes at a time when there is greater pressure on health visiting provision. These are the very people who could have a vital role."

Mrs Sue Howe, founder of another charity, the Cot Death Society, said: "Whatever the reasons, the Department of Health should regard these deaths as an epidemic and open an investigation. We believe that more than half of all cot deaths could be avoided."

One possible explanation for the 1986 increase could be the cold winter of that year, according to Dr Michael Abrams, deputy chief medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security.

He told members of the House of Commons Committee on Social Services Committee that this factor was being looked at by the department.

A memorandum on the deaths, circulated to MPs on the committee, said the increase may have been exceptional and last year's figures "may well show a welcome resumption of the downward trend."

Most cot deaths occur between the second and fifth months of life. Typically, a baby is found dead in the cot with no evidence to suggest a cause, and post-mortem examination results are inconclusive.

However, notable features in many cases are that mothers are younger than average, the babies had a low birthweight and may have been involved in multiple births, such as triplets, and that the more children in the family the higher the risk.

In a scheme run by the Cot Death Society, at-risk families are provided with an electronic monitor which sounds an alarm if the baby stops breathing. Studies have shown that touching the infant's feet can stimulate a resumption of breathing.

"We have monitored 628 babies in this way in the last three years and so far we have not had one cot death, although many of the babies have stopped breathing more than 100 times", Mrs Howe said.

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Ambush 'stunned' solicitor

By Howard Foster

A solicitor in a car with two Irishmen was dumbfounded when they pulled guns on police officers and ordered him to drive away, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Jonathan Denby, aged 40, of Hestbank, Lancaster, pleads not guilty to four counts of having a firearm or imitation firearm, handling stolen police car keys, assisting an offender who made threats to kill a police officer and assisting an offender by causing him to be given £500.

The solicitor, who was Mr Enoch Powell's private secretary in the early 1970s, described how he met Irish brothers James and Philip Callaghan in a wine bar.

One night in June 1986 he was going wtih them to a club when, according to Mr Denby, they jumped out of the car in Mayfair, central London, "brandishing what appeared to be handguns.

"They told the policemen to lie on the ground and if they didn't they would kill them", Mr Denby said.

"Jimmy Callaghan was prancing around and shouting and screaming as though he was possessed. It was completely extraordinary. I stood there dumbfounded.

"Philip said to me 'you get in the car'. Mr Denby said one of the men had grabbed him by the tie, threatened to kill him and told him to act normally.

The next day he gave them £500 in a public house, hoping they would leave the area.

Mr Denby, who hid from police for nearly a year, said he would have had to reveal the men's identity if he had surrendered.

He rearranged his business affairs and moved from house to house, staying near Dover on one occasion and eventually being given the keys to the home of a business colleague in Pimlico, south-west London.

"I decided the danger would go when they were caught and convicted without any evidence coming from me", Mr Denby said.

The trial continues today.

Colour bar

Los Angeles (Reuter) – A man wearing different shoes of different colours was excused from jury duty when a prosecutor said his footwear suggested he could be a nonconformist.

Slimmers 'given risky drug'

Patients who took slimming pills prescribed by a Harley Street doctor risked becoming dependent on them, a disciplinary hearing was told yesterday.

Tablets supplied by Dr Sidney Gee, aged 67, had potentially dangerous side effects and needed careful supervision, it was said.

Dr Andrew Herxheimer said the daily 5 mg dose of dexamphetamine sulphate, known as "speed", was "quite enough for people to become dependent".

The professional conduct committee of the General Medical Council was told that the stimulant drug was given by Dr Gee as part of his treatment for three weeks and up to six months.

Dr Herxheimer, a lecturer and consultant in pharmacology and therapeutic medicine, said: "It is a dangerous drug. Its most notorious side effect is that people become dependent on it rather easily and abuse it.

"People have used it for slimming and in some instances become dependent. It can happen to anyone, whether a teenager or a fat middle aged woman. It is difficult to stop. You like the effects and feel good on it."

Dr Herxheimer said the class B controlled drug increased activity and reduced appetite. It could cause insomnia, sweating and a high heart rate for people suffering from hypertension or heart disease.

The committee was told that Dr Gee used another similar drug, diethylproporn. Dr Herxheimer said it could cause sleeplessness and a racing heart and was potentially dangerous.

Dr Gee, of Chester Close North, Regent's Park, north London, who won £75,000 libel damages in 1985 from the BBC's *That's Life* programme, denies serious professional misconduct between June 1982 and July 1983.

Dr Gee who practises in Rochester, Kent and Harley Street, is accused of abusing his professional position by supplying drugs to patients without adequately examining them, checking their medical history or consulting their GPs.

He is also alleged to have failed to respond to patients' complaints about drug side effects.

The hearing continues today.

Shamrock for the Chelsea girls

Girls from the Garden House School, Sloane Gardens, Chelsea, west London, celebrating St Patrick's Day as guests of the Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks yesterday. The pupils, aged five, were given sprigs of shamrock and were introduced to the Queen Mother after the ceremony (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Consultant victim of race bias

A consultant microbiologist who was rejected for a hospital post for which she was the mostly highly-qualified candidate was awarded damages of £3,000 yesterday after proving she was the victim of racial discrimination.

The Court of Appeal upheld an industrial tribunal decision that in refusing the consultant post at the Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, to Dr Malila Noone, who was born in Sri Lanka, the North West Thames Regional Health Authority was guilty of discrimination.

It allowed Dr Noone's appeal against a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, which had reversed the industrial tribunal finding. However, the judges reduced the amount of compensation from £5,000 to £3,000.

Law reforms in two stages

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, is planning a two-stage reform of the courts and the law on families and children.

The measure is expected to start its Parliamentary passage in the next session as part of the government Bill on child care law.

Government sources confirmed yesterday that Lord Mackay was as keen as his predecessor, Lord Havers, to proceed with the long-awaited family courts reform, despite fears that he had shelved it.

However, Lord Mackay wants to tackle the law and procedure on families and children first, establishing a much more coherent, simple and logical legal framework for problems arising from divorce and child care, before moving on to the way the courts should be organized.

A senior government source said yesterday: "The impression that the Lord Chancellor is not keen is not at all accurate.

"In fact he has brought a very keen mind to bear on some of the issues and provided a head of steam."

A two-stage programme of reform is expected. The first, a new code governing law and procedure on families and child care will be brought together in the expected Bill on child care law for next session.

That will embrace the main proposals of the Government's White Paper on child care law, or the "public law", as well as the private law which has been reviewed by the Law Commission, in four working papers on children. Those cover care, supervision and interim orders in custody proceedings, wards of court, guardianship and custody.

The government source said yesterday: "The most important thing is to get law right on child care and families. When this is on the statute book, then we can turn to the other major question – the actual court structure."

An interdepartmental committee of officials is still working on the costings of a revised family court structure, which hitherto has been the chief stumbling block.

A full-scale reform, involving new court buildings, was ruled out by the Government when Lord Havers was Lord Chancellor.

The option expected to be approved is for a middle-way reform based on the county court, the model which attracted the widest support. That would involve four judicial tiers: High Court, circuit, registrars and lay magistrates. It is likely that all cases would start in the county court and then be allocated to their approriate level.

The new court structure would be backed by a conciliation service.

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Money for alternative medicine

An illustrator who shares the £4,000 daily Portfolio prize will donate a substantial amount of her windfall to the Research Council for Complementary Medicine, which promotes alternative treatments.

Mrs Duthy Dubrule, of Noel Road, Islington, north London, said she would give the charity a boost because she was a member of its council.

She said she had been playing the competition since it started, but had never won anything.

Also sharing the prize is Mr Oliver Rogger, of Grass Park, Finchley, north London.

Challenge on 'sexist' school call

The Court of Appeal yesterday reserved judgement on Birmingham City Council's appeal against a ruling that its grammar school policies were sexist. No date given for a decision.

The Labour-run authority is seeking to overturn a High Court decision that it was guilty of sexual discrimination in providing almost twice as many grammar school places for boys as for girls.

Mr Justice McCullough granted a declaration in October last year that the council was in breach of the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975, in a test case victory for the Equal Opportunities Commission.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC, for the council, told the court the ruling put all local education authorities in the "wholly impossible position" of having to forecast now what percentage of future generations of pupils would belong to each sex.

Crash award

Miss Jacqueline Rotherham, aged 26, from Liverpool, who suffered horrific injuries when the car in which she was a passenger collided with a fire engine rushing to a 999 call, was yesterday awarded £100,000 damages at the High Court in Liverpool.

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PARLIAMENT

Belfast killings 'show futility of violence'

N IRELAND

Yesterday's attack on mourners in the Belfast cemetery demonstrated clearly the total futility of violence, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said in the Commons.

He called on all in the province to exercise restraint and to play a part in ending the cycle of violence, retaliation and further violence.

In a statement on the incident at the IRA funerals which left three people dead and many injured, **Mr King** said that it was an obscenity that the occasion, one for private mourning and grief, should have been brutally and savagely interrupted by such an attack.

"The events of yesterday only serve to underline the total futility of violence in all its forms.

"Nothing could have demonstrated more clearly that if people's thoughts are only of revenge and retaliation after any incident, then this awful cycle of killing and murder and violence will continue.

"And yet nothing showed more clearly the total futility of violence and that it offers nothing to any part of the community in Northern Ireland.

"At this time of great emotion it is now incumbent on everybody in the province to play their part in ending the cycle of violence and retaliation and further violence.

"It is not just the politicians, the church and community leaders, crucial though their role is, but everybody in the province has a responsibility to heal, and to calm and to mind what they say as much as what they do.

"The need once and for all to repudiate violence in speech as well as action and the determination to work positively to build a tolerant and caring society is the message that this House should send today."

Mr Kevin McNamara, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that on November 9 in the aftermath of the Enneskillen bombing, he had said that in the past even the most barbaric had accepted that people should be allowed to honour their dead in peace. That was the view of the Opposition.

"Would that yesterday would see an end to it all in Northern Ireland."

The perpetration of the outrage could lead only to feelings of revulsion by all who had seen the scenes on television.

The House would wish to associate itself with the calls made throughout the two islands, by the Prime Minister and by the Taoiseach of the republic and leaders of the churches on both sides of the divide, politicians and community leaders, that, no matter how understandable the feelings and desire for revenge, retaliation and retribution might be, there should be exercised self-control and discipline.

What was needed was for those with influence and in positions of authority to seek to prevent further violence, calm heads were required and the spirit that followed Enniskillen – the voice of the common people.

Until the gunman had appeared, the funeral had been conducted with dignity and in peace with no hint of trouble. By giving due respect to the wishes of the families of the dead, the security forces had been left in a position in which they could do no right.

The House would not wish to see the blanketing of funerals again, but decisions about security arrangements at funerals should be taken locally. The Opposition believed the security forces had been right to hold back at Milltown Cemetery.

There was a need for the elected and other leaders in both communities in the North to engage in constructive dialogue, seeking to make the strength of the democratic institutions more important than the strength of arms.

Mr Kevin McNamara: Calm heads are required

The catalogue of events in Northern Ireland since November, the deaths and political misunderstandings, showed everyone on boths sides of the water and both parts of Ireland, that they must take the constructive opportunities available which did exist.

There had to be a democratic, peaceful, political solution to the problems of the North.

"Violence only breeds violence and we as a democracy have to say that it must stop."

Mr King said that he was grateful for Mr McNamara's remarks and appreciated his endorsement of the chief constable's decision on the security approach to the funerals. The decisions of the chief constable were absolutely right.

He had taken exactly the same view about that day's funeral and first reports were that it had passed off peacefully.

"After any incident in Northern Ireland, the air is thick with rumours and stories and allegations of who saw what and who might have done this, that and the other."

The police were the right authorities to investigate the incident and they had begun a thorough investigation.

"These are matters for the police and anybody who has any information that can assist the police in the proper prosecution of this investigation should make that information available to them."

Mr James Molyneaux (Lagan Valley, OUP) said that, in joining unreservedly in the condemnation of the insane and dastardly outrage, he rejected utterly the monstrous allegations that the Army and the RUC had engaged in a stand-off tactic to enable the attack to take place.

Mr King said that he repudiated utterly the disgraceful allegations that there was, in some way, some collusion and that the purpose of proceeding with sensitivity within the whole area of west Belfast during the difficult period of the funerals was in some way to enable such an outrage to take place.

"I do not think that any reasonable person would give a moment's credence to that monstrous and demonstrable lie."

It had revealed the hypocrisy of Sinn Fein. "When the security forces seek to prevent illegality provoked by Sinn Fein or the IRA in many of these activities and seek to police them, they are accused of gross interference and violation of personal rights. The moment they seek to respond to representations from the church or the families or wherever, they are alleged to be exposing the families concerned to the risk of violence.

"It is a monstrous charge and I am glad to repudiate it."

Sir John Biggs-Davison (Epping Forest, C) said that it would be helpful if certain Roman Catholic priests considered more carefully some of their words and the effect those words had on others.

Father Raymond Murray should remember that a priest was called to be a minister not just to republicans, but to Catholics of all opinions, including those serving in the armed forces and the police.

Mr King: I do not think that I was the only person who found deeply distressing some of the comments in some of the addresses that were given at the funerals. There were many throughout the Catholic community who were equally distressed at these statements.

Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said he had consistently requested that, at these funerals, the police should adopt the position that they had adopted yesterday. They should continue to do that. "What they did was right and they should be under no attack whatsoever from whatever quarter." This was because, in Ulster, if anyone wanted to go in and commit an attack, "no amount of security would prevent it".

The perception of this Government's approach in the North was one of confrontation.

Mr King said he did not accept Mr Mallon's suggestion that the Government's approach was confrontational. The Government was seeking genuinely to try to heal the wounds in Northern Ireland.

Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UPUP) said that after each obscene IRA atrocity in the past 20 years, he had appealed for restraint and against retaliation. This was a time for calm.

Mr King: What is really obscene about these incidents is that they betray the vast majority of people in the province who are decent, hard-working people who want exactly the same kind of things that everyone else throughout the United Kingdom wants: a future for themselves and their families to grow up in peace and with some prospects of happiness for the future.

"It is the men of violence who stand in the way of that opportunity."

Mr David Alton, SLD spokesman on Northern Ireland, said that the best course for the British Government was to continue steadfastly to pursue its policies of the past two years: consolidation of the Anglo-Irish agreement and full support for the security forces.

Mr King said that violence was a threat to the whole island of Ireland. He welcomed news of an arms find in the republic by the Garda yesterday. That seemed to be a significant find, although the full details had not yet come through.

Sir Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C) said that a heavy responsibility lay upon those who staged highly charged political funerals for their own unscrupulous purposes.

And there was some responsibility on those who on television glorified them and, to that extent, almost incited violence.

Mr King agreed.

Mr Kenneth Maginnis (Fermanagh and South Tyrone, OUP) said that active measures must be taken to ensure that all paramilitaries were dealt with.

Mr Tom King: The cycle of violence, retaliation and further violence must be broken

Thatcher refuses direct appeal to Botha

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister again declined at question time to intervene directly with President Botha in the case of the Sharpeville Six during their four weeks' stay of execution.

She said that full and correct representations had been made by her, by Chancellor Kohl and by President Reagen, which had expressed their views extremely clearly. They had asked for clemency.

She was replying to **Mr Malcolm Bruce** (Gordon, SLD), who urged her to use the four weeks to intervene directly to impress upon President Botha that the threatened executions were intolerable.

"Will she indicate that she is willing, if necessary, to withdraw the British ambassador or reopen the case for sanctions if the South African Government goes ahead with an action showing them to be barbarous and in fundamental contempt for human rights?"

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said later that the Government welcomed the announcement of the stay of execution.

It would continue to make representations and bring to the notice of the South African Government at every possible opportunity the need for clemency.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, welcomed the news but said: The shadow of the gallows still hangs over these six innocent people, as it has now for more than two years and, even if the stay of execution is maintained, they may face the prolonged ordeal of a second trial.

He asked that Mrs Thatcher should follow the "laudable example of President Reagan and herself pick up the telephone and ask President Botha once and for all to end this agony of the Sharpeville Six?"

Mrs Chalker said that the stay of execution had been granted to enable the lawyers to lodge an application for the case to be reopened. She did not know whether anything new had emerged.

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) said the best way to proceed was quietly, by diplomatic means to bring to the South African authorities "the abhorrence that we all feel".

Commons sketch

Mother and her troubles

Tom and Jerry, Andy and Flo, Basil and Sybil, even, no doubt, Napoleon and Josephine: the journalistic analogy hunters have explored a whole world of absurdity in their desire to express the bizarre relationship that exists between Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock. Ant and Bee, Man and Mouse, Victoria and Albert – and so it goes on.

But their relationship seems recently to have embarked upon a new and unusual phase, a phase for which a true analogy can be found only in that most fundamental of all human relationships, the sweet but sometimes strained connection that links a mother to her son.

In the past, the Prime Minister has had little time for Mr Kinnock; if the family metaphor were to be maintained, Mr Kinnock would be cast as the pet mouse brought into the House by the unwelcome cousin. If she noticed him at all, Mrs Thatcher would simply slap at him with her broom. But now she seems to be warming to him. She scolds him, yes, but only because she is so eager for him to learn. In turn, he seems ever anxious to please her, forever sporting his new-found knowledge of the ins and outs of the capitalist economy.

At Question Time, the Boy Kinnock rose and recited the lessons he had learnt about the economy. "Interest rates need to go lower", he said. Seeing that Mother looked interested, the Boy Kinnock said he thought "one can and indeed one must buck the market".

Mother Thatcher responded by praising the Chancellor's "most excellent speech on Tuesday", but said that it would have been "even better if it had been heard in quietness". This was believed to have been an admonishment towards the Boy's scruffy friends. How would the Boy ever take over the shop with friends like that?

But the Boy was keen to make amends and prove himself. "The country will be glad to note that Number 10 and Number 11 are one big happy family again", he said. He then recited his second lesson in economics, referring to managed floats and managing and floating. "But the Chancellor is a manager while she remains a floater", he declared, showing off his new words.

"Why doesn't he include the whole Cabinet in the happy family?" asked Mother, and the Boy Kinnock could be seen to laugh. In the old days, he would never laugh at her jokes, but now he accepts them like sweets. "She should discuss the matter further with the Mr Kenneth Baker", he riposted, and they both smiled.

But the time had come for the Boy to recite his third lesson in economics. This time, Mother seemed exasperated. Up until now, he had been doing so well, but now it was back to square one. Mother huffed and puffed her annoyance. "Of course the Right Honourable Gentleman couldn't understand the significance of the last Budget in as far as he was listening . . . he doesn't understand because he **doesn't listen . . . I don't expect him to understand.**"

The Boy sat down, struggling hard to smile. A few cheery uncles put their heads around the door, trying to jolly up the atmosphere a bit.

Uncle Norman Tebbit praised the Chancellor, the economy, the Government, the lot. Mother's sniffles seemed to disappear. Uncle Norman had put it "in his own inimitable way and no one could have put it better".

"It contains something for everyone", agreed Mother, smiling through her tears. But out of the corner of her eye, she saw the Boy nudging his rough friends in that coarse way of his. The young today are so very, very ungrateful.

Craig Brown

Nicaragua incursion attacked

The reported incursion of Nicaraguan troops into Honduras was condemned by the Prime Minister at question time.

Mr Stuart Bell (Middlesbrough, Lab) had asked why the British Government supported President Gorbachov's withdrawal of Russian troops from Afghanistan when they had been invited to go there by the Afghanistan Government and yet welcomed it when the Hondurans invited 3,000 American troops to Honduras.

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Bell surprises me if he thinks the Russian forces are in Afghanistan as anything other than an occupying force.

Mrs Thatcher said later: We deplore the reported incursion by Nicaraguan forces into Honduras. On Wednesday, the Honduran Foreign Minister had called a press conference to draw attentiom to the possibility of a Nicaraguan attack.

Thatcher's praise for Lawson

ironic comment by **Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition, during question time that 10 and 11 Downing Street again housed one big happy family gave **Mrs Thatcher** the opportunity to heap praise upon Mr Lawson and his "most excellent" Budget speech.

Mr Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: Today's reduction in interest rates is very welcome, but they need to go lower (loud Conservative laughter). Just a little bit.

In pursuit of what the Chancellor, on Tuesday, called "the explicit role of greater exchange rate stability", does she now understand that when necessary one can and indeed one must buck the market?

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Lawson, in a most excellent speech on Tuesday – (Conservative cheers) – which would have been better had it been heard in quietness the entire way through, made perfectly clear that: "Short-term interest rates remain the essential instrument of monetary policy. Within a continuous and comprehensive assessment of monetary conditions I will continue to set interest rates at the level necessary to ensure downward pressure on inflation." That is what he did today.

Mr Kinnock: I, and I am sure the country, am glad to note that 10 and 11 Downing Street are one big happy family again (protests and laughter).

We are also happy to note her reconversion to managed floating. The real problem is that while the Chancellor is now a manager, she is still a floater.

Mrs Thatcher: Why not include the whole Cabinet in the big happy family?

Mr Kinnock: Perhaps she should discuss it further with Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science (loud Labour laughter).

On domestic stability, was it not she who said a week ago last Tuesday that she was against a cut in interest rates because it would not be in the interests of inflation at the present time?

Or by "the present time", did she just mean "a week last Tuesday"?

Mr Tebbit: Successful Government and economy

Mrs Thatcher: I meant what I said.

The only way to deal with that is either to have excessive intervention, etc, or to deal with the matter by interest rates, which would not be in the interests of inflation at the present time.

Mr Kinnock does not understand the significance of the last Budget in so far as he was listening. He does not understand because he does not listen.

Had he listened, he would have noted that on Tuesday we had an excellent Budget that demonstrated, with debt repayment of £3 billion, a strong, prudent, fiscal position, the full strength of which was not known to the world until that time.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Chingford, C): Despite the ill informed talk of expenditure cuts and give-away budget, we are living in a period of highest ever levels of public expenditure; highest ever tax takes in the revenue; lowest tax rates; the best ever regulator on inflation; a period of falling interest rates and repayment of debt.

Would she not agree that that is the hallmark of a successful Chancellor, a successful Government and a successful economy?

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. Mr Tebbit has put it in his own inimitable way and no one could have put it better.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab): Why did you sack him then?

Jail action 'highly undesirable'

The escape of seven violent prisoners from police cells in Battersea, south-west London, was a classic example of the dangers being run as a result of industrial action at Wormwood Scrubs and Pentonville prisons, **Mr Douglas Hurd**, Home Secretary, said during questions.

It was highly undesirable to have dangerous people held, even temporarily, in police cells.

Mr Hurd told the Commons that 1,535 prisoners were held in police cells in England and Wales on March 1, most of them unconvicted.

Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, SLD) said that conditions in police cells were far worse than those in remand prisons. "It is barbaric for a civilized society to keep people in these conditions, which are often little better than keeping animals in a zoo."

Mr Hurd said that the Government had given an unparalleled commitment to the Prison Service, in terms of building new prisons, modernizing existing buildings.

"The situation he draws attention to is certainly deeply unsatisfactory. It is the result partly of industrial action in two large London prisons and partly of the growth of the prison population, which is not caused by an acceleration in crime – which has been slowing down – but by more cases going through the Crown courts and the increasing severity of sentences passed by those courts."

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) said that it was time to press ahead with the introduction of private contract prisons for remand prisoners.

Mr Hurd said that there was no magic in that solution,

Mr John Bowis (Battersea, C) said that, in the light of the escape, no prisoners on remand for crimes of violence should be kept in such cells overnight.

Mr Hurd: I entirely agree that it is highly undesirable that dangerous people should be held even temporarily in police cells.

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Cheap TV concession for review

The Government is considering amending the scheme covering concessionary television licences for pensioners in local authority sheltered accommodation, **Mr Timothy Renton**, Minister of State, Home Office, said during question time.

Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarfon, Pl C), who raised the issue, said that pensioners and the disabled living in residential care got a televison licence for 5p, but when they moved out of that accommodation into the community, they had to pay a thousand times that amount for the same licence.

Mr Renton: There are anomalies in this scheme and the Government is looking to see whether it would be appropriate to amend it.

Rev Martin Smyth (Belfast South, OUP) asked for an assurance that any change would not involve the loss of the present concession.

Mr Renton asked for patience.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private member's motion on competition policy.

Select committees

MPs' foreign trips 'absurd'

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Commons Welsh affairs select committee has applied for more than £30,000 in order to visit Japan and South Korea this summer to study "inward investment".

The all-party ombudsman committee has been granted about £8,000 – much less than it wanted – to go to four Canadian cities to see how Canadian ombudsmen operate. Three years ago, the low-profile committee was the object of criticism for spending more than £12,000 on visiting ombudsmen in Australia and New Zealand.

Meanwhile, six members of the agriculture select committee, equipped with round-the-world, club-class air tickets, have just arrived in New Zealand – via Seattle – to study forestry diversification. They will be away for two weeks at a total cost of £33,000.

One senior Labour select committee member yesterday described the trips as "absurd".

A senior Tory suggested that the Welsh committee should jump not on to an aircraft but on to the London Underground's Circle Line, which runs through Westminster.

Sir Antony Buck: Forced to restrict trip

"One way it goes to the City, where the Japanese banks keep their money for investment. In the other direction it goes to the Japanese Embassy, whose excellent staff have all the information they need."

Select committees have been allocated £360,000 from public funds for overseas travel in the coming financial year, and, as in previous years, it is bound to be heavily oversubscribed. How the cake is divided is decided by the liaison committee of select committee chairmen, each of whom fights hard to secure overseas trips for his own members.

Sir Anthony Buck, chairman of the ombudsman committee, has been forced to restrict the Canadian trip – taking in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Edmonton – to three or four members, after the liaison committee allowed him only about £8,000.

He insisted yesterday that the Canadians had an interesting system of federal ombudsmen that was worth investigating, and angrily rejected any suggestion of profligacy.

Mr Gareth Wardell, chairman of the Welsh committee, hopes to take six other MPs and a clerk with him to Tokyo and Osaka in Japan and to South Korea for eight days in June. The aim was to explore ways of persuading Japanese and South Korean firms to use Wales for more than simply assembling already manufactured parts, he said.

"The committee has been in existence since 1979 and has never ever been on a fact-finding tour abroad. Because the topic of our present inquiry is inward investment and we have been the most successful region in the UK in attracting it, we want to build on that."

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Claims that power cables cause cancer to be investigated

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Possible links between overhead power cables and cases of cancer and leukaemia in children living near them are to be investigated by the Central Electricity Generating Board, it was announced yesterday. The board has for many years resisted claims that there was any link.

The board is allocating £500,000 for the research, which includes mobile units to measure the strength of electro-magnetic fields inside homes. The measurements can be made from detector vans without the need for access to buidlings.

Dr David Dowson, a GP in Hampshire, said last September that exposure to the fields from overhead cables – rather than radiation from nuclear power stations – might be a factor in causing cancer.

Dr Dowson then said that a study he made found a significant increase in depression and headaches among people living near two high voltage power lines at Ferndown, near Basingstoke. "Ferndown is also known as a cluster for leukaemia", he said.

Thousands of homes have been built near overhead cables, and everyone is also exposed to electro-magnetic fields from numerous other sources such as televisions and electric blankets.

Dr Robin Cox, chief medical officer of the Central Electricity Generating Board, said studies around the world had not found any evidence that exposure to the fields presented a "significant" health risk to the public.

"Nevertheless, because we are all exposed to them, even the remotest possibility of an association should be thoroughly investigated", Dr Cox said.

Dr Cox said the generating board and the Electricity Council were funding two independent research projects at Leeds University, in collaboration with Manchester University, and by health authorities in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The board said the electro-magnetic fields were not solely produced by overhead power lines. "It is electrical appliances and the wiring into homes."

Suggestions of a link between exposure to electro-magnetic fields and illnesses ranging from migraine and depression to cancer have been based on statistics.

While plenty is known about the changes produced by large electric and magnetic fields, there is little information on exposure to low levels.

Concern arose from two studies in the United States, in New York and in Denver. They found a possible correlation between children with cancer and their proximity to high sources of power.

The discovery that could explain the abnormally high cancer rates in people exposed to weak electro-magnetic fields, was by Dr Craig Byus and Dr Susan Pieper, of the University of California, and Dr W Ross Adey, of the Veterans Administration Medical Center, at Loma Linda, California.

They found that low electro-magnetic radiation increased the activity of an enzyme called ornithine decarboxylase in human, rat and mouse cancer cells grown in culture. The enzyme produces putrescene, a polyamine that stimulates cell growth.

Their experiments used electric and magnetic fields comparable to those produced by electric power lines.

It was discovered that radio-frequency and microwave fields only influenced cells if they were from power sources at frequencies below 100 hertz, or 100 cycles per second. This covers the frequency of power distribution in Britain.

The findings that weak fields can make cancer cells grow confirmed research by Dr Jerry Phillips, of the Cancer Therapy and Research Foundation in San Antonio, Texas.

He showed that human cancer cells exposed to fields of 60 hertz grew at between twice and 24 times the normal rate.

Film maker's footpath puzzle

Mr David Puttnam, the film director, showing the route of the footpath outside his home at the inquiry yesterday.

David Puttnam, the film producer, spoke yesterday of how the tranquillity of his sixteenth-century riverside retreat in the Cotswolds was twice invaded by intruders in his living room.

Mr Puttnam also disclosed at a public inquiry in his home village of Little Somerford, Wiltshire, that on two consecutive Saturdays he found motor cyclists doing manoeuvres known as "wheelies" in his courtyard. Mr Puttnam, aged 46, who made the film *Local Hero*, and won a Hollywood Oscar for another film, *Chariots of Fire*, said loss of privacy and security forced him to contact the police and to ask North Wiltshire District Council to divert an ancient footpath which passed throughhis courtyard.

The film maker, who is president of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, said there had been seven incidents in 1983, the yearafter he and his wife Patsy bought the 30-acre estate.

He said that he invested some £20,000 to create a longer, alternative pathskirting the house 30 yards away, to the north instead of the southduring the four-year project. He has also planted 10,000 new trees and twowild flower gardens; and installed a bench where walkers can rest and an ornate bridge over the Avon.

Mr Michael Sexton, the inquiry inspector, was given a list of 19 objectors, including Little Somerford parish council, opposing the footpath diversion. Many claimed, before the hearing, that the new route was less picturesque and led walkers away from a mill pond and mill wheel.

Racehorse trainer cleared of deception

A leading racehorse trainer was cleared yesterday of allegations that he had cheated a owner by overcharging him.

Charges against Roger Fisher, aged 45, of Priory road, Ulverston, Cumbria, were dropped after he changed his plea to guilty to what his counsel described as a technical offence involving a forged cheque.

Judge Lever directed the jury to return a formal not guilty verdict. He gave Fisher a two-year conditional discharge and ordered him to pay £500 towards prosecution costs on the offence he admitted.

Fisher said later: "It's not for me to say whether the sentence is fair or not. I never believed I had committed any crime from the word go."

He faced three charges of obtaining property by deception, two of theft and one of attempting to obtain property by deception, involving a total of £49,200, while the racehorse, Ekbalco, was stabled at Bardsea, Cumbria.

Mr George Carmen, QC, for the defence, told Preston Crown Court that Fisher had admitted the further charge of forgery from the outset. He said Ekbalko, owned by Mr Tawfiq Fakhouri, a Jordanian businessman, had died and was insured for £30,000, of which £4,000 lawfully belonged to Fisher.

Instead of forwarding the insurance cheque to Mr Fakhouri and waiting for him to pay the £4,000, he had decided to cut corners to obtain the money due to him.

Dutch flavour at biggest art fair

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Dealers from all over Europe are converging on The Netherlands, for a vast art and antique fair which opens tomorrow. For nine days it will be the biggest, most international art market event of its kind, (five times the size of our Grosvenor House fair) with more than 100 dealers, and artefacts estimated at more than £100 million.

There are no fewer than 20 dealers from London, led by Mr Johnny van Haeften, the chairman. Although the organizers emphasize the centrality of Maastricht, close to France and West Germany, there is clearly a Dutch flavour to the goods on offer.

Mr van Haeften is unveiling a recent coup at the cost of a German auction house: a painting by Lucas van Valckenborgh and Georg Flegel, two German artists of the late sixteenth century. The work, "An Allegory of Summer", shows a beautiful woman surrounded with harvest goods, and has emerged as the missing scene from a group of paintings depicting the four seasons that has been lost since 1929.

"By coincidence I was looking through the catalogue and saw it", Mr van Haeften said. He persuaded a friend to bid on his behalf. The painting was estimated at 30,000 Deutschmarks, but he managed to secure it for DM 10,000. Now it is on sale for £65,000.

The rest of his stock includes an unforgettable painting by Pieter Brueghel the Younger of John the Baptist preaching to a crowd of Dutchmen. Some are listening in rapt attention, others are distinctly rowdy. A portrait of the artist in their midst shows him upstaging the preacher.

Among other English dealers is Wartski, specializing in Russian works of art, Spink (oriental), Richard Green (a portrait of a pretty girl proffering flowers by Jacob Cuyp, as well as some lesser Impressionist works, such as Henri le Sidaner's garden scene).

Among newcomers to the fair are 26 carpet dealers, who accompany an exhibition of carpets in paintings. They offer a chance to see these colourful items in their original contexts – usually covering the tables of the Dutch wealthy – while visitors can buy the few fragments that have survived until today.

There are two important carpets, both once in the collection of the Maharajah of Jaipur.

Sotheby's recorded a world record price for a an Indian work of art at auction at New York on Wednesday. It was $231,000 (£123,102) for two bronze figures, of Shiva and Parvati seated on double lotus thrones.

Weekend food prices

Good catch leads to cheaper fish

Fishermen have been rewarded with excellent landings, particularly of cod, whiting and coley, and the consumer is reaping the rewards as prices fall.

The average price of cod is down 6p a lb this week to £1.96. Haddock and codling are down 5p to £2.10 and £1.85 respectively. In the South lemon sole is a particularly good buy, down 12p, and Dover sole is down 20p, ranging from £2.20 to £6.

Good supplies of exotic fish include pomfret from India and Black Sea bream at about £3.20 a lb. Superb quality swordfish from the Mediterranean is about £6.50.

Lamb prices are up between 1p and 10p a lb. In the South-east, where there is usually more New Zealand lamb available, a whole leg costs from £1.36 to £2.38 a lb.

The biggest price rise is on best end chops, now £1.93 a lb in the South-east, £1.84 in the rest of England and Wales. The average price of whole shoulder is £1.03, but Sainsbury is selling it for 88p.

Beef prices generally are creeping up but the average price of rump steak is down 4p to £3.29 a lb in the South-east and boneless sirloin is down 2p to £3.36.

Although some cuts of pork is up it is still an economic buy. Whole leg costs between 89p and £1.29 a lb and boneless shoulder 98p to £1.55

This could be a good time to take a look at gammon and bacon, because the choice of cuts and cures has widened and there are some good promotional offers.

Good buys are prime gammon joints over 3lb in weight, for about £1.66 a lb, but smaller joints will cost about £1.98 a lb.

Best buys in shops and supermarkets this week are Sainsbury's boneless loin chop £1.88 a lb, fresh beef mince 96p, Tesco fresh chicken thighs 95p, frozen capon style chicken 59p, fresh topside and silverside £1.89, leg of pork 98p, Presto oven ready turkeys 5lb to 5lb 15oz £2.99 each, and 9lb to 9lb 15oz £4.99 each.

Safeway fresh home-produced boneless pork leg is £1.58 a lb, and first grade frozen oven ready turkeys are £2.99 for 5lb 15oz, £8.49 for 17lb 15oz.

Cabbages are this week's best vegetable and there is quite a choice, with hard red and white home-grown and Dutch cabbage at 16p-25p a lb.

Spanish and Canary Island tomatoes at 85p to £1 a lb are scarce and top quality English and Dutch tomatoes are also less plentiful but better value.

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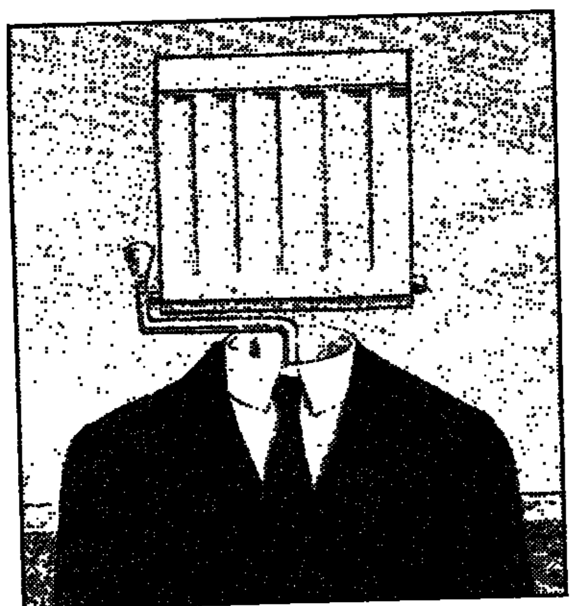

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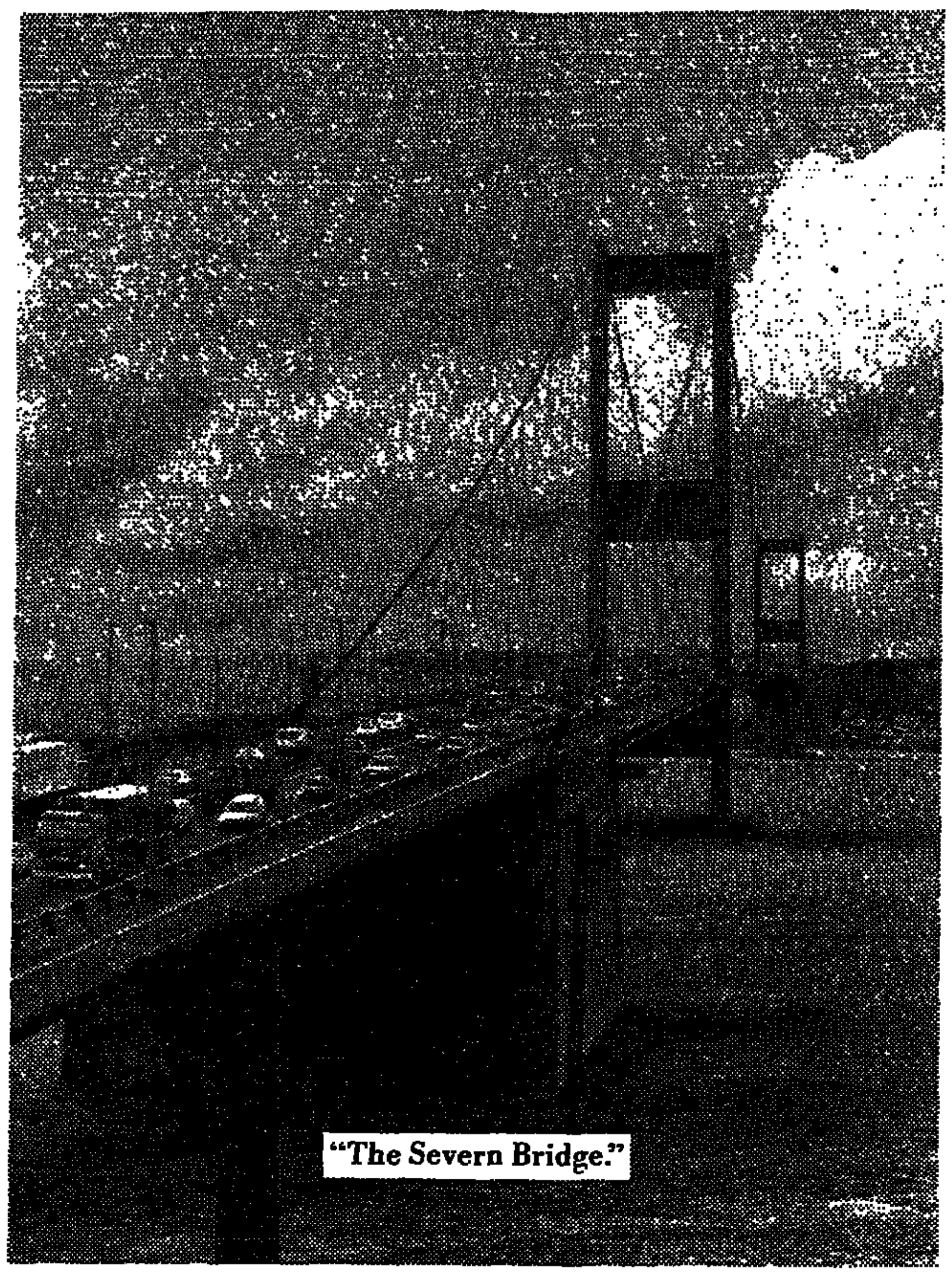
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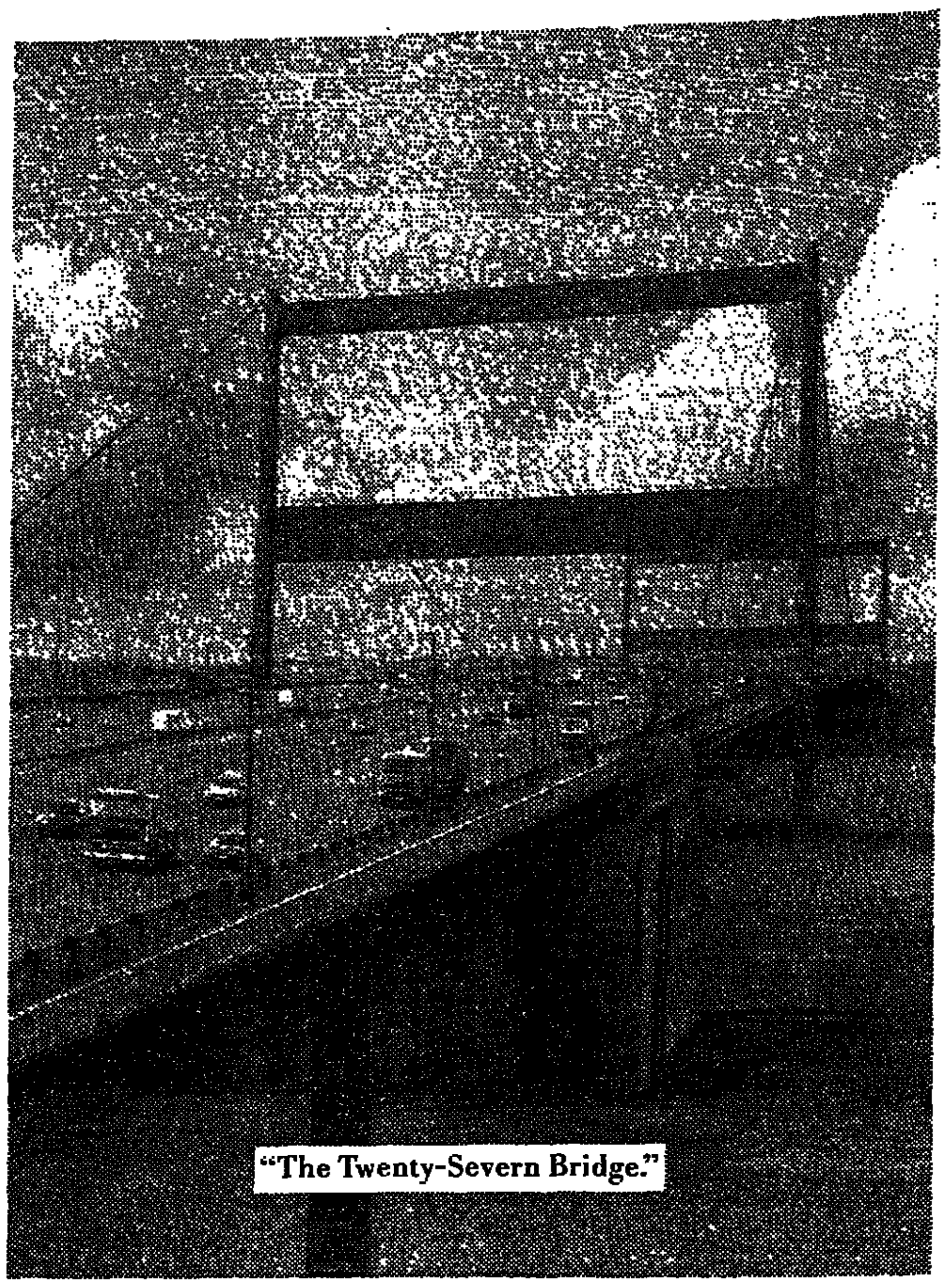
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Eurotech Scotland Exhibition

British scientists pioneer computer with 'laser vision'

By Robert Matthews, Technology Correspondent

Scientists at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, have achieved a world first in the development of the next generation of computers, which will use laser light instead of electricity to make decisions.

The Eurotech Scotland Exhibition in Glasgow was told yesterday that a team at the university's physics department has constructed the first all-optic circuit capable of visual recognition, a notoriously difficult task for conventional computers.

Today's computers use the current flowing through microchips to carry out tasks and most can work on only one problem at a time, making them sluggish in tasks using a lot of data, such as the recognition of a human face.

Because laser beams can be split into a myriad rays, the optically based computers of the future will be able to work on many problems simultaneously.

The Heriot-Watt machine uses holograms – three-dimensional images of objects captured on flat plates. They simulate the effect of dozens of tiny lenses, which split up the laser beam carrying the data needed to perform the recognition task.

The laser rays are then passed into special crystals which can carry out the function of microchips. They can both process the image being looked at by the machine, and compare it to an image stored in the machine's optical memory.

Even the latest electronic supercomputers have difficulty recognizing images presented to them. The Heriot-Watt team hopes its laser-based machine will carry out the task almost instantaneously. It will be announcing the results of its breakthrough at an international conference in France next week.

Dr Mohammad Taghizadeh, of the physics department, said yesterday that so far the machine can recognize only one specific object because a new set of holograms has to be built for each new task. However, further research is under way to develop flexible holograms.

- Despite the long history of whisky-making in Scotland, even the most famous distilleries remain baffled by the ability of barley to produce the all-important malt needed for Scotch.

The same barley from the same field can produce malt of dramatically different quality and the time taken for the barley to turn into malt can also vary wildly, holding up production for days.

Scientists working with an industrial partner, Rogarth Enterprises of Edinburgh, have now built a computer-controlled machine which grinds up small samples of barley and instantly calculates its vital malting quality.

Electronic potato to trace damage

An electronic potato has been developed by the Scottish Centre of Agricultural Engineering near Edinburgh to investigate the cause of millions of pounds' worth of damage to potatoes on their way from the field to the supermarket.

The now highly-mechanized process of harvesting and transport severely damages up to 10 per cent of the crop.

To track down the cause of the damage, scientists at the centre have built a potato-shaped device, packed with microchips and pressure sensors, which memorizes the buffeting it receives on being dug out of the ground, sifted, graded, stored and then sent to market.

An electronic clock gives the time of the greatest impacts, enabling scientists to backtrack through the process and find the cause.

The flexible circuitry used inside the potato can be modified to imitate other crops.

Dean meets Chaucer's pilgrims

By Andrew Billen

The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev John Simpson, with wax models of the Wife of Bath and the Friar from *The Canterbury Tales*, at the City's Pilgrims Way Centre which opens tomorrow.

The centre gives the Disneyland treatment to Chaucer's pilgrims, truncating their 60-mile pilgrimage into a 250-yard turn around the inside of a renovated fourteenth-century church.

The interior of St Margaret's, Canterbury, has been turned into a £1.35 million reconstruction of the poem using audio-visual extracts, models of the pilgrims and the characters from their tales.

Visitors will start in a recreation of the Tabard Inn, Southwark, wend their way through mock-ups of medieval streets and landscapes and meet five of the pilgrims, who recount their tales.

The tour ends after a visit to the Checker of Hope Inn in a reconstruction of the tomb of Thomas Becket.

A spokesman said yesterday: "The attraction gives the flavour of Chaucer's tales, without encroaching on their academic integrity". It was designed to cater for 400,000 visitors a year and was created by Heritage Project Limited, which was behind the Jorvik Viking Centre, York.

The centre has been supported with grants from the English Tourist Board, Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council.

Mr Anthony Gaynor, managing director of Heritage Projects, said: "A very large number of tourists come to Canterbury every year, currently over two million, but after they have seen the cathedral they are rather poorly served. "Most other visitors know about *The Canterbury Tales*, and most have heard about Thomas Becket. They would all like to learn more. Until now there has been little to help them."

(Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Vote of no confidence by forensic scientists

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

Motions of no confidence in the management of the Home Office forensic service have been passed by its scientists after months of uncertainty over internal reorganization.

Morale is said to be so low that the Home Office has failed to find a candidate to replace Dr Margaret Pereira, the head of the service, who retires at the end of the month. The £33,000 post will be re-advertised next week.

This week the Institute of Professional Civil Servants met Treasury officials to discuss changes in the laboratories after a series of inspections and reports on the service in the past two years.

Five hundred scientists work for the service at seven laboratories. The Scottish police and the Metropolitan Police have their own laboratories, and are not affected.

The no-confidence motions were passed last month. The Home Office said the problems stemmed from uncertainty about the future and about grading.

Problems in the service began two years ago when an inspection at the laboratory in Chepstow, Gwent, led to a recommendation for downgrading of posts. It was followed by a second inspection at the Birmingham laboratory and a study with the help of Touche Ross.

Negotiations are taking place about reducing the number of some senior posts.

In the past decade the use of the laboratories by police has accelerated, spurred partly by the greater sophistication of forensic techniques and partly because juries are less willing to accept police evidence.

King's Cross inquiry

Staff absent for long meal breaks

Unofficial triple-length meal breaks left King's Cross Tube station seriously understaffed when the fatal fire broke out, the public inquiry into the disaster was told yesterday.

A member of the station staff, Miss Kathleen Ord, said only two ticket collectors were working when there should have been five. She admitted that she had been in a mess room when she should have been at the barriers.

There were no Underground staff, apart from those in the booking office, to direct passengers away from the ticket hall in the last minutes before the fire killed 31 people, Miss Ord said.

Miss Ord, of Tufnell Park Road, Islington, north London, told the inquiry how her break in the staff mess room just off the ticket hall ended in panic when she was trapped there for nearly two hours by heat and thick smoke outside.

She said that as she struggled to block cracks and a vent through which smoke was seeping into the tiny room, she heard people running, screaming and choking outside. Then she realized everything had gone silent.

She faced a long series of questions about how she and the man trapped with her, Leading Railman Eddie Swaby, came to be there when both should have been at ticket barriers.

Miss Ord also admitted that Mr Swaby, who was "extremely large", was known regularly to sleep during his long breaks.

During the two hours before they were rescued by firemen, they drank a bottle of wine and some vodka she had in her locker, Miss Ord said.

One of the five ticket collectors rostered for duty had not returned to the station after a earlier hospital appointment.

Miss Ordagreed that had she and Mr Swaby been in the ticket hall, they could have helped police officers unfamiliar with the station.

Miss Ord told Mr Roger Henderson, QC, counsel to the inquiry, she had worked at King's Cross since June 1986, and 90-minute breaks had been "an accepted practice".

She told Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, the inquiry chairman, that she would expect to see a station supervisor "one or two times maybe" during an evening shift and soemtimes not at all.

Mr Carl Pilgrim, relief station manager, said he had worked at King's Cross on 21 occasions, including the night of the fire, but had never heard of staff taking a 90-minute meal break. But, questioned by Mr Henderson he agreed that he knew of no set times for meal breaks.

The inquiry continues today.

College plea for heads

The Government should put at least £35 million into establishing a staff college for head teachers and deputies to cope with extra responsibilities under the Government's education reforms, the National Association of Head Teachers says.

The Government is planning to spend about £10 million on training teachers to take over school finances and improve the efficiency of school management generally.

The association proposes a School Management Development Council, including people from outside education with managerial expertise, to co-ordinate training.

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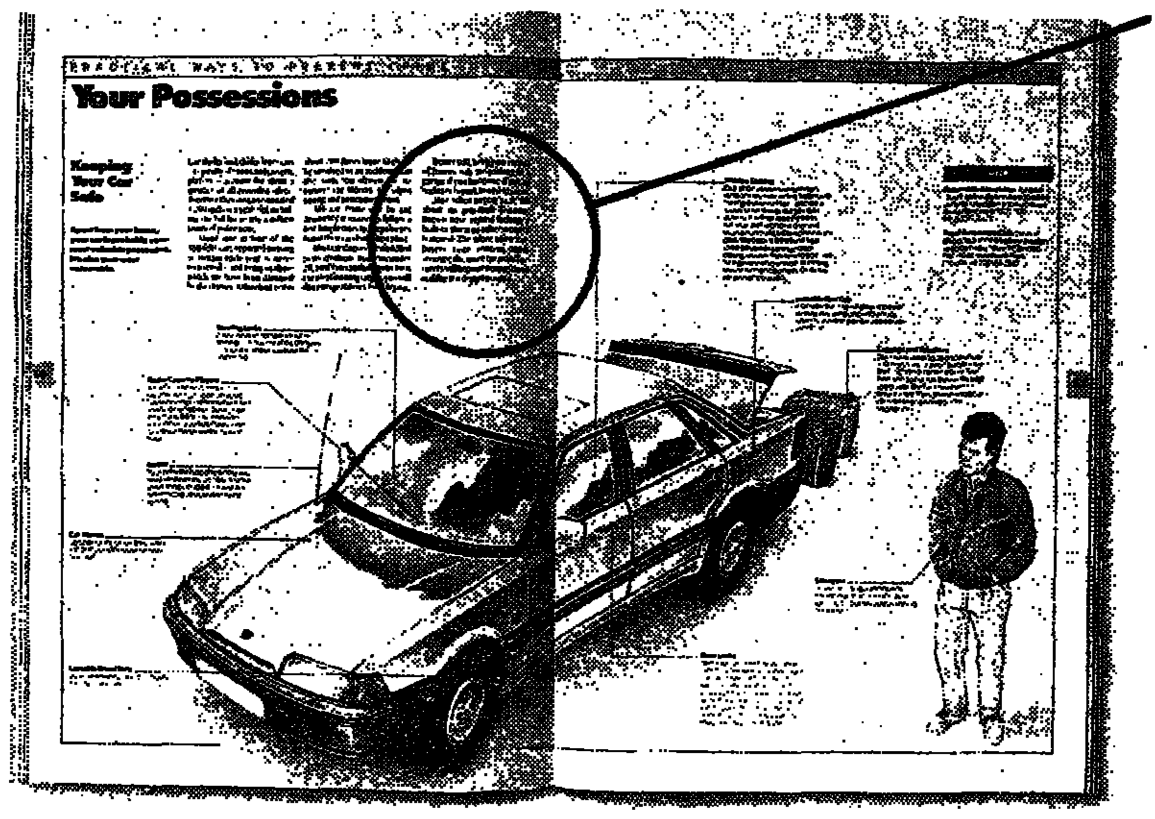

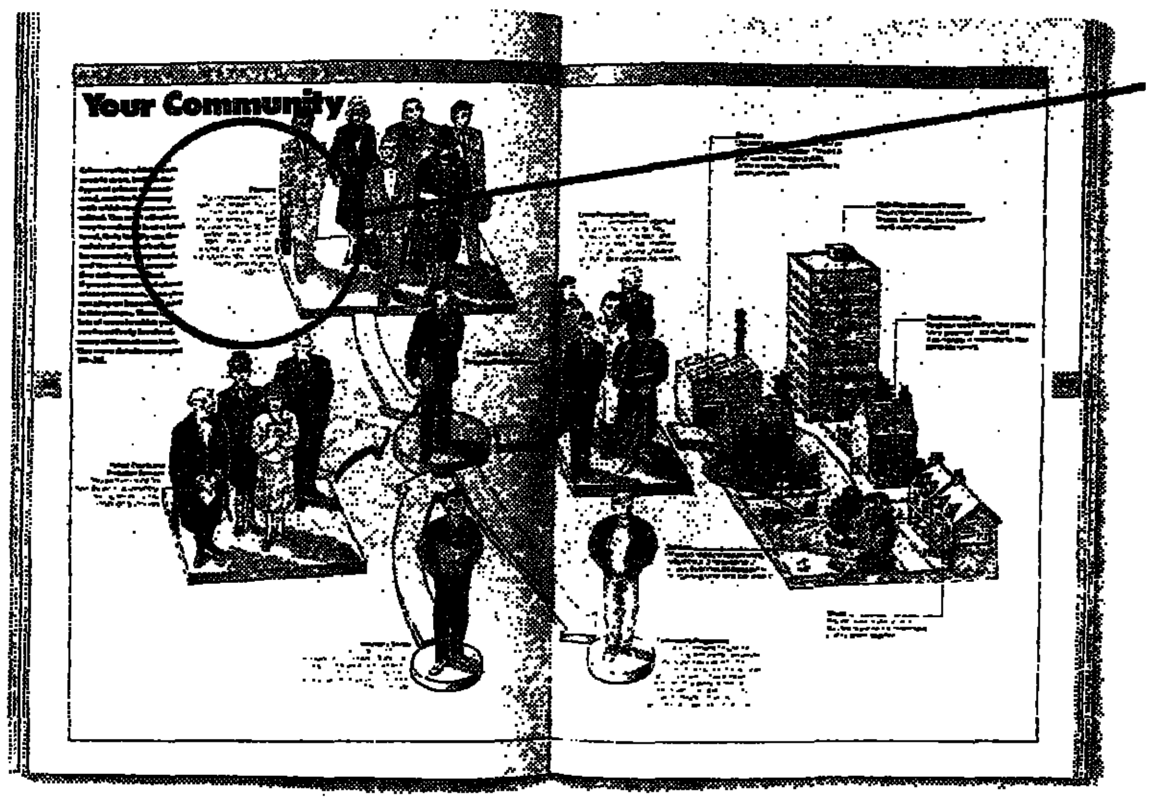

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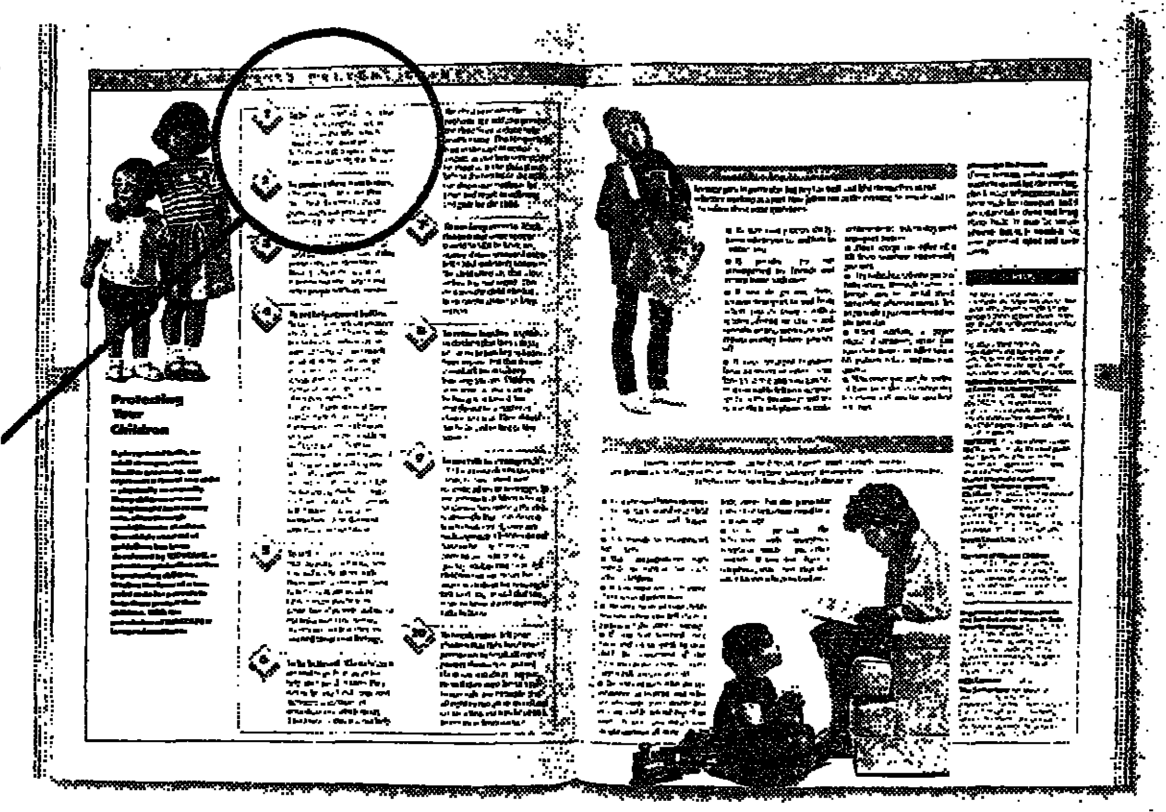

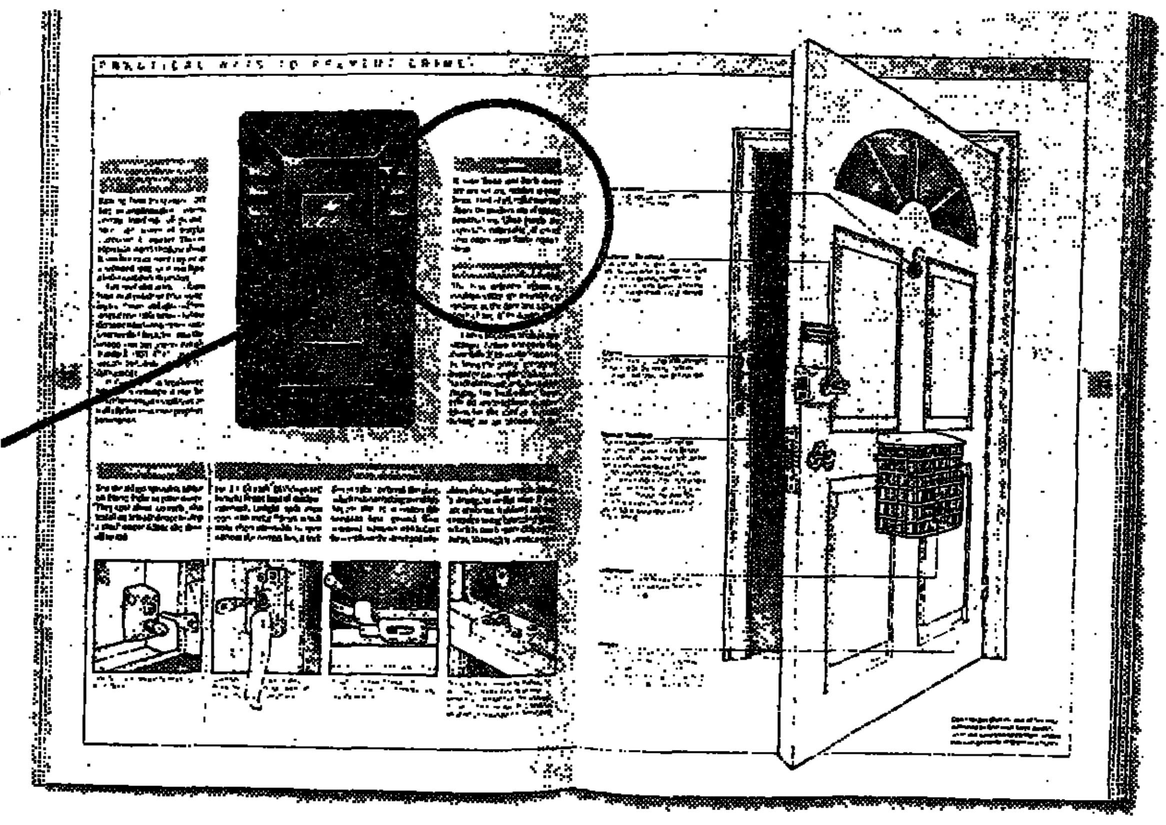

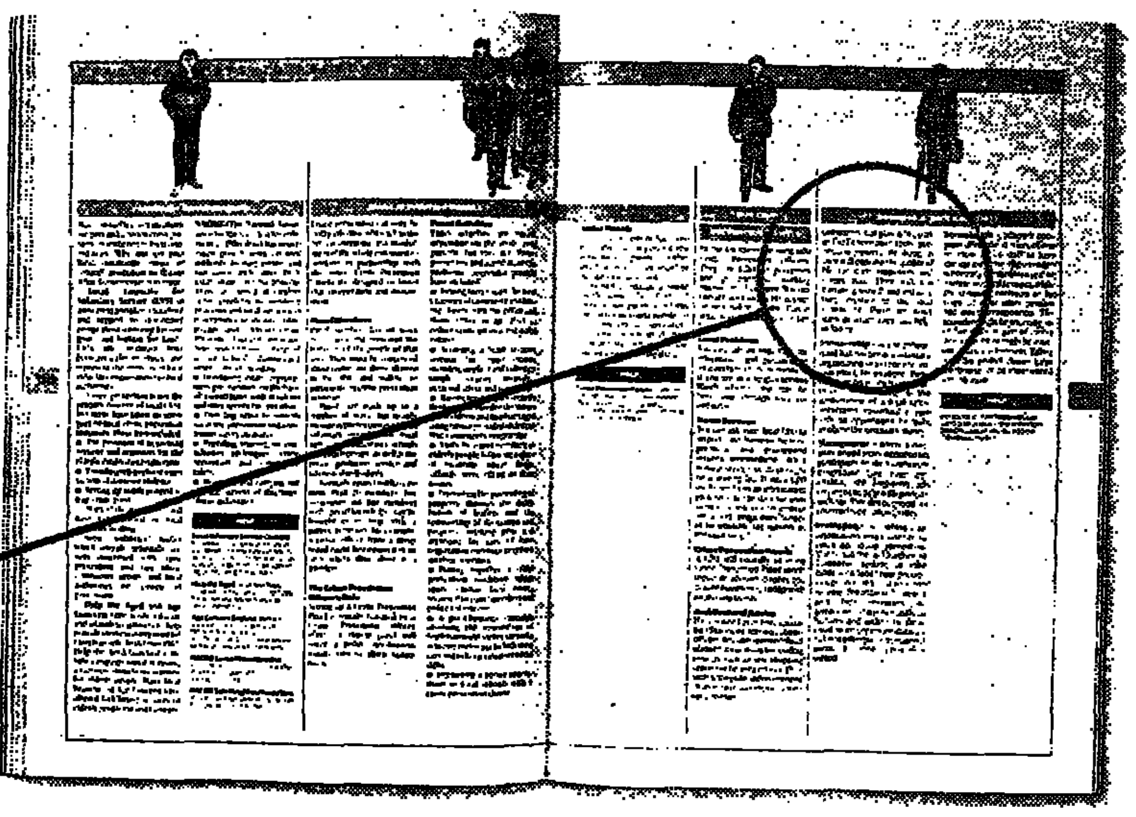

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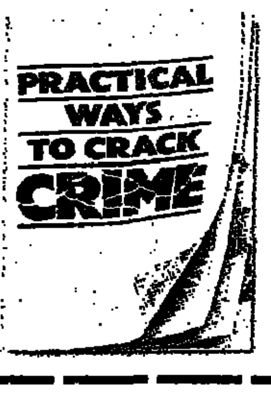

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WORLD ROUNDUP

US agreement on military forum

Moscow — The superpowers have agreed in principle to establish a new forum to resolve violent incidents between their respective armed forces as one of a number of moves towards easing East-West tension. The decision was taken at their first military summit, Mr Frank Carlucci, the US Defence Secretary, announced in Berne yesterday (Christopher Walker writes).

Details of the framework of the new Soviet-American military forum will be one subject to be hammered out later this year when Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, the Soviet Chief of Staff, travels to Washington for talks with his American counterpart, Admiral William Crowe.

Hess is buried

Bonn — Rudolf Hess, Hitler's former deputy, was yesterday buried quietly in his family's plot in a small town in Bavaria exactly seven months after his death at 93 in Spandau prison (John England writes).

About 200 police guarded the snow-covered cemetery at Wunsiedel as Hess's coffin was lowered into the grave at 8.30am. His wife, Ilse, was too ill to attend. The ceremony was kept secret until the last minute to avert neo-Nazi demonstrations.

Noriega bolstered

Panama City — General Manuel Noriega's position within the armed forces may actually have been strengthened by the failure of a military coup led by several high-ranking officers, according to Western diplomats and observers here (David Gollob writes).

The coup attempt is the first sign of a rift in the military. The Reagan Administration is counting on such a split, as opposed to street disturbances, to bring down the general.

Soviet space payload

Moscow (AP) — The Soviet Union launched its first satellite for a paying customer on yesterday, an official of the Glavkosmos space agency reported. He said an Indian satellite was lifted into orbit from the Baikonur spaceport in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan. Glavkosmos was created in 1986 to seek foreign customers for Soviet launchings, and this was its first on commercial terms, although further deals are under negotiation. The Indian satellite, called IRS, will be in orbit for three years, studying India's forests, waters and mineral deposits.

125 die in bus crash

Delhi (AFP) — About 125 wedding guests were killed when a bus they were travelling in crashed and burst into flames, the Press Trust of India reported yesterday.

There were only 26 survivors after the packed vehicle went into a culvert on Wednesday night in Simga village, Madhya Pradesh state, in central India. Officials said 86 bodies had been recovered from the charred wreckage

Iraq town 'taken'

Paris (AFP) — Iranian forces yesterday occupied the north-east Iraqi border town of Halabja, Tehran Radio announced in a broadcast monitored here. It claimed Iranian troops had entered the town and captured about 320 square miles of territory in Sulaymaniya.

The operation had left 8,000 Iraqi army casualties, the radio said. Baghdad earlier conceded that its forces had evacuated Halabja.

Russians to quit Afghanistan, deal or no deal

From Michael Hamlyn
Geneva

Russia announced yesterday that it intended to pull its troops out of Afghanistan whether or not a peace agreement is hammered out here. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow: "The Soviet Union took a decision to withdraw our forces, and we'll do just that."

He added that the Soviet Union would like the withdrawal to be within the framework of the Geneva documents, but if there is no agreement "we will do it ourselves. We will determine our needs and our own form of withdrawal".

The Soviet statement emphasizes one of the curious facts about the negotiating process here: it does not really matter.

Despite all the press attention, the arrival of the delegations, the mutually abrasive press conferences, for two weeks now the Geneva peace talks on Afghanistan have been stalled, with nothing much happening, but neither side willing to break them off.

Certainly the United Nations mediator, Señor Diego Cordovez, has been making optimistic noises, and asserting that all participants are working hard on hammering out the details of the final agreement, but the reality is that the actual negotiating is no longer going on in Geneva at all.

The hard bargaining is being done between the Russians and the Americans at a high level, and the only time there is any movement at the Palais des Nations here is when one of the superpowers decides to make a concession or a demand.

The Geneva negotiations are likely to get a new injection of life after the meeting next week between Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State. The question of symmetry in the Afghan accords is on the agenda in Washington, and Mr Zain Noorani, the Pakistan Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that it was all right by him if the US and the Soviet Union solved that issue between themselves, just so long as they kept everybody fully informed about what they had decided.

On the interim government question, the Pakistanis will be left to battle it out alone. Already the political outcry in Pakistan itself against President Zia's stand has compelled a softening of the original position that the Pakistanis would only sign the Geneva accords with a new Kabul government.

The Parliamentary opposition, the extra-Parliamentary opposition and even Mr M. K. Junejo, the Prime Minister, are reported to be urging a quick signature and as early a start as possible to the Russian withdrawal.

Accordingly, the Pakistan position has softened to one of urging merely the calling of an all-party Afghan conference, if necessary using the technique of proximity talks, to discuss the setting up of a broad-based government. The talks could best be held in Geneva or Vienna, Mr Noorani suggested, and there would have to be some way of guaranteeing that they would continue to a successful conclusion after Pakistan signs the Geneva accords.

So far, the signs are not looking good for this plan.

Sharpeville Six win stay of execution after new evidence

From Michael Hornsby, Pretoria

The five black men and one black woman known as the Sharpeville Six, due to be hanged at dawn today, were granted a stay of execution until April 18 by the Supreme Court in Pretoria yesterday after the last-minute submission of new evidence that a black state witness might have perjured himself.

The six were convicted two years ago of the murder of a black township councillor in Sharpeville, Mr Jacob Khuzwayo Dlamini. None was proved to have caused his death, but all were held to have shared the "common purpose" of a mob of about 100 people who stoned him and burnt him to death.

Wild cheering broke out in the Palace of Justice's elegant courtroom, which was packed with friends and relatives of the six, as Judge W J Human declared: "I am of the opinion that there is sufficient material before me today to grant the stay of execution."

One of the lawyers representing the six, Mr Prakash Diar, broke the news to an excited crowd of several hundred blacks outside who hoisted him on to their shoulders and sang freedom songs.

Miss Julia Mokoena, the sister of Mr Reid Mokoena, a factory worker who is one of the six, could only hold her face in her hands and say over and over again: "I am very happy." Like other relatives, she did not seem to have taken in that the stay of execution may be only temporary.

In tragic counterpoint to the jubilation, a powerful car bomb exploded outside the magistrate's court in Krugersdorp, 30 miles west of Johannesburg, killing three people, all blacks, and injuring 20 others, 17 whites and three blacks.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, announced last night that a white member of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), whom he identified as Mr Heinrich Johannes Grosskopf, was suspected of being involved. The police offered a reward of Rands 50,000 (£13,000) for information leading to his arrest.

Counsel for the six, Mr Denis Kuny, said that the time won by the stay of execution would be used to prepare an application for the re-opening of the trial. The judge agreed that "a reappraisal of the entire case" might be needed.

The essence of the new evidence is that a state witness, Mr Joseph Manete, may have given false testimony and implicated two of the six in the killing of Mr Dlamini after being assaulted by the police.

Mr Manete's statement, which conflicted with what he said later in court, could not be used as evidence without his consent. He was only persuaded to waive privilege earlier this week.

Counsel for the State, Mr Jan Hugo, contended that Mr Manete's evidence, whether true or false, would not alter the final verdict.

In Cape Town, the police arrested 29 white women belonging to the Black Sash civil rights group who assembled near Parliament yesterday morning with placards calling for clemency for the Sharpeville Six. They were later released. In Johannesburg riot police stormed the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand and broke up a protest against the threatened hangings.

● LONDON: In the Commons news of the temporary reprieve was welcomed on both sides of the House, but the Government refused opposition calls to step up action against South Africa.

Friends of the Sharpeville Six celebrating outside the Supreme Court in Johannesburg yesterday after the judge granted a stay of execution to the six, due to be hanged today.

Israel attacks guerrilla base

By Our Foreign Staff

Israeli jets yesterday demolished a Palestinian guerrilla base in the Druze-controlled Chouf mountains, killing one guerrilla and injuring several other people, including a two-year-old boy. It was Israel's deepest strike into Lebanon since the 1982 invasion and the second air attack in six days.

Six fighter-bombers fired rockets at a hilltop post of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the village of Shemlan. The explosions echoed throughout Beirut, only nine miles away.

In an attempt to break the power of the leaders of the Palestinian unrest in the occupied territories, Israel has begun a policy of trying to force Palestinians to do the opposite of what they are instructed by leaflets circulated illegally.

A new series of night-time arrests has also begun, with 150 people reported to have been detained on Wednesday night during swoops in Nablus, Jenin, Kabatiya and Hebron.

Elsewhere, there was a general return to work after two days of a total strike in which violent demonstrations brought the death by shooting of six Palestinians. Palestinian sources reported a further death on Wednesday night of a man, aged 55, who collapsed after inhaling teargas at Amari camp.

The trials have also begun of three Israeli soldiers charged with aggravated assault for burying four Palestinians alive, and of two soldiers and an officer who were filmed beating two Palestinians.

Two of the soldiers seen in the television film have already been sentenced, one to ten days' detention and the other to 21 days' detention.

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister had a final round of talks with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, but failed to break the deadlock over the American peace proposals for the Middle East.

However, President Reagan has left open the possibility that Mr Shultz may now make another visit to the region.

Despite the gulf between the two sides, US officials said that the Administration's initiative was still very much alive.

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Oliver Tambo: 8th January 1987.

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Oliver Tambo: 12th May 1987.

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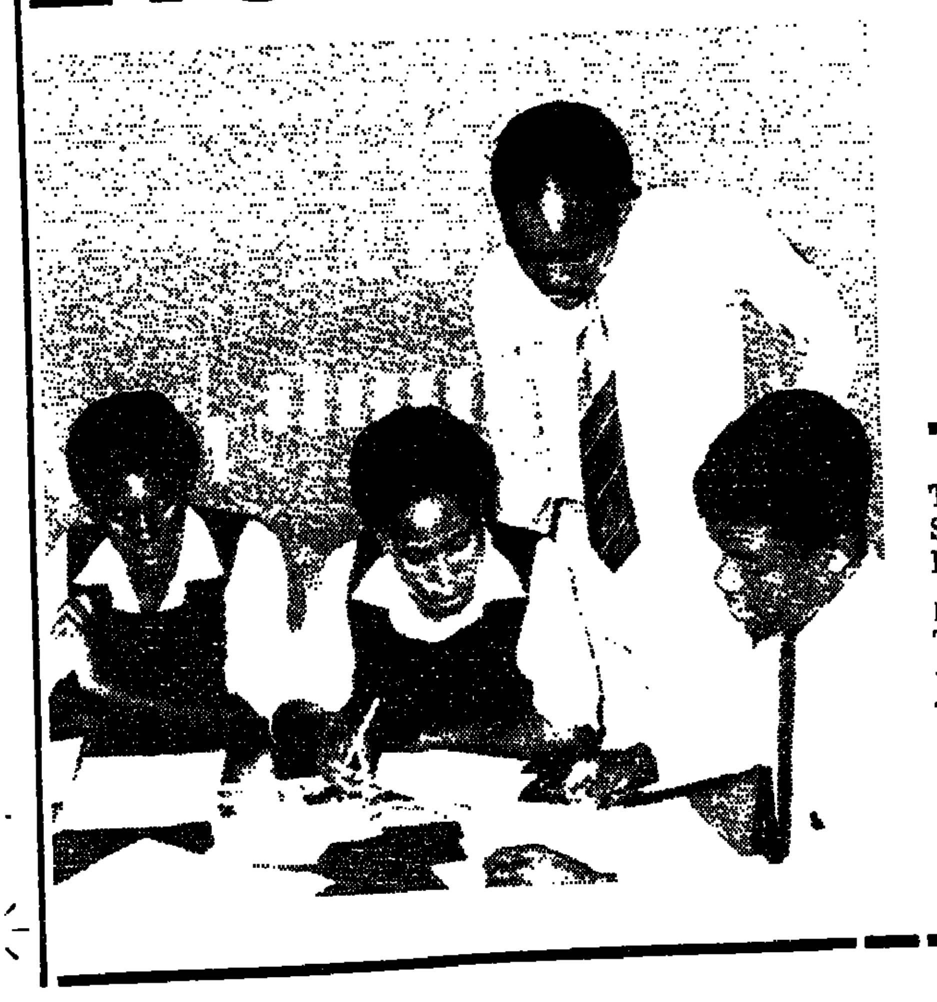

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BRITISH MIDLAND

Party boss of Azerbaijan riot city sacked

Moscow (Reuter) – The Communist Party chief of the Azerbaijani city of Sumgait, where Armenians were hunted and killed last month, has been dismissed for "major shortcomings" in his work, according to Soviet information officials in the area.

The officials, contacted by telephone from Moscow, said the mayor of the city, the scene of the Soviet Union's worst known ethnic riots in decades, was also dismissed.

The new Sumgait city party leader, Mr Salekh Gadzhiyev, has since 1986 been Prime Minister in Nakhichevan, an Azerbaijani enclave inside Armenia on the Soviet border with Turkey and Iran.

The new mayor, Mr R.S. Eminbeili, according to editors at the Azerbaijani party newspaper *Bakinsky Rabochy*, had been director of an aluminium plant in Sumgait, where 32 people are officially said to have been killed in anti-Armenian riots. The officials identified his disgraced predecessor as T.Y. Mamedov.

Azerbaijani radio in Baku, the republic's capital, said a meeting of Sumgait Communists was told there had been "tragic consequences" for the city of mistakes by the party chief, Mr D.M. Muslimzade.

The radio said Azerbaijan's party leader, Mr Kyamran Bagirov, had addressed the meeting, at which Mr Muslimzade was accused of "major shortcomings in organizational and political work … and non-party behaviour".

Armenians arriving in Moscow from Sumgait have said that Azerbaijani youths had committed atrocities.

A senior Soviet prosecutor, in an interview with *Bakinsky Rabochy*, has described the riots which began on February 28 as a pogrom and said "terrible crimes" were committed.

Nakhichevan was also traditionally part of Armenia, but like Nagorno-Karabakh was assigned by Moscow in the early 1920s to Azerbaijan in what both Soviet and Western historians say was a deal to boost Soviet relations with Turkey.

● **Britain blamed:** Soviet historians have obtained new material which shows that British occupying forces in Azerbaijan, during the Civil War that followed the 1917 Russian Revolution, "poured oil" on to inter-ethnic strife which persists to this day in the southern region (A Correspondent writes).

At a news conference yesterday, a panel of Soviet historians said that actions by Britain, Germany, Turkey and the United States from 1917 to 1921 had prepared a "fertile soil" for the ethnic unrest.

They said that the foreign powers, who were engaged in bitter rivalry in the southern region after the First World War, had plundered eastern Transcaucasia's natural resources, in addition to "double dealing" with the local Armenians and Azerbaijanis. Armenians are mainly Christian, while Azerbaijanis are Shia Muslims.

The Germans had taken manganese, tobacco, cotton and "even matches," according to Mr Yuri Polyakov, chairman of the Soviet Centre for Historical Demography and Geography. He said a Soviet colleague working in India had unearthed "new evidence" about the role of the British in Azerbaijan, which would be published before the end of this year.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and his wife Raisa waving to a crowd in Ljubljana, whose welcome was less fervent than Belgrade's.

Gorbachov visits go-ahead Slovenia

Ljubljana, Yugoslavia (Reuter) – Soviet economic reforms are forcing Yugoslav companies to change their ways, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, heard yesterday during a visit to Yugoslavia's most prosperous republic.

Mr Gorbachov was touring the country's biggest electronics firm, Iskra Avtomatika, in the republic of Slovenia, which some analysts say is the most economically advanced region in the Communist world.

"Before, we dealt with ministries, now we have to deal directly with Soviet companies. We have to start working differently," Mr Franc Sifkovic, the company's general director told him in a reference to the Soviet *perestroika* (restructuring) policy.

"Restructure yourselves," said Mr Gorbachov with a smile, prompting laughter.

Iskra Avtomatika designs and builds industrial computer systems.

Mr Gorbachov and his aides have linked the Kremlin reform drive to the technological revolution in the West.

The Soviet leader's wife, Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, also present at the talks, appeared disappointed when Mr Sifkovic told her there were no facilities at the plant to care for workers' children. "What, no nursery," she said.

Mr Gorbachov on Wednesday met Mr Milan Kucan, Slovenia's Communist party head, who is considered one of Yugoslavia's most progressive leaders.

Western diplomats say Mr Kucan has gone further than any other Communist leader, including the former Czechoslovak party chief, Mr Alexander Dubcek, in granting press freedom.

Although a Slovenian Information Ministry official told reporters Mr Gorbachov was second in popularity only to the Pope in Slovenia, the crowd of about 1,000 which welcomed him in Ljubljana was cooler than those in the capital, Belgrade.

US presses its Honduras ally to save Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Tegucigalpa

Honduras was under strong diplomatic pressure from the United States yesterday to mount air strikes and provide ground support to save the Nicaraguan Contras from a crushing military defeat.

Contra sources in Miami said that El Cuartelón, the main rebel command centre just inside Nicaragua along the border with Honduras, was being stormed by Nicaraguan troops.

The principal rebel supply base, in the region of San Andrés de Bocay on the Honduras side of the Coco river, is under siege from artillery and aerial bombing. Most remaining rebel supplies of ammunition and equipment were moved to the region in recent weeks and their loss would be the death knell for the beleaguered fighters. An offensive was simultaneously mounted against Contra positions in a remote border area of Nicaragua's Jinotega province.

The US appeal to Honduras came as 3,150 American combat troops started arriving yesterday in a show of commitment to the Contras, who are threatened with imminent collapse if the US Congress refuses further aid.

They will be deployed in the Palmerola air base near Comayagua in central Honduras, about 160 miles from the fighting. More than 3,000 US National Guard and Army Reserve troops are already in the country for exercises and road-building projects.

President Reagan ordered the deployment of two battalions of the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and two battalions of the 7th Infantry Light Division. Most of the men will disperse into the countryside with Honduran troops on exercises, according to senior American officials, and will observe an earlier congressional edict to stay at least 20 miles away from the Nicaraguan border.

President Reagan formally approved the deployment shortly after receiving a diplomatic message from President Azcona of Honduras in which he called for "effective and immediate assistance to maintain the sovereignty and integrity" of Honduras.

There can be little doubt that Señor Azcona was pressured by Washington to make the request. In March, 1986, he was persuaded to seek US help after an alleged border crossing by Nicaraguan troops. This resulted in congressional approval of new Contra aid.

In 1986 the US transported Honduran troops by helicopter to the rugged border region, which brought loud protests from congressional Democrats. Honduras has displayed a marked reluctance to mount hostilities at the Administration's behest, despite being so subject to US pressure because of its heavy dependence on economic aid.

In recent months the Honduran Government has become increasingly disenchanted with the Contras and has forced them to close down some of their bases in the dense jungles along its southern border.

The US estimates that 1,500 Sandinista troops crossed into Honduras, but there were no independent accounts of the scope of the raids. Another 4,500 troops were said to be engaged in an offensive against the Contras inside Nicaragua.

The rebels decided early last month to start moving supplies closer to the border in anticipation of a congressional cut-off of further aid. They are held in the thickly forested area and the rebels do not have the facilities to move them to a safer location quickly. The CIA has been involved closely in the supply movements: clearly Nicaraguan intelligence was well informed and knew exactly where to strike.

Nicaragua has virtually no Air Force, but has converted some Soviet-made Antonov transport planes into makeshift bombers.

The Sandinistas have been bombing from a high altitude because the rebels are equipped with US-made Redeye ground-to-air missiles. The Sandinistas have Mi24 helicopter gunships, however, and have been using heavy artillery and rockets in the current wave of fighting.

● **WASHINGTON:** President Reagan's hasty dispatch of troops to Honduras has provoked uproar on Capitol Hill (Michael Binyon writes). The Pentagon has also been taken by surprise.

Officials appeared unsure about the operational aims. And Democrats are angrily accusing the Administration of manipulating the crisis to force Congress to reinstate military aid for the Contras.

Many congressmen have accused the White House of overreacting to the situation and of deliberately misleading Congress.

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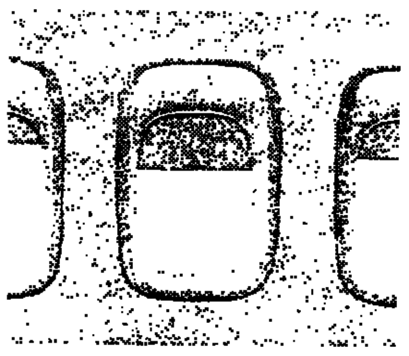

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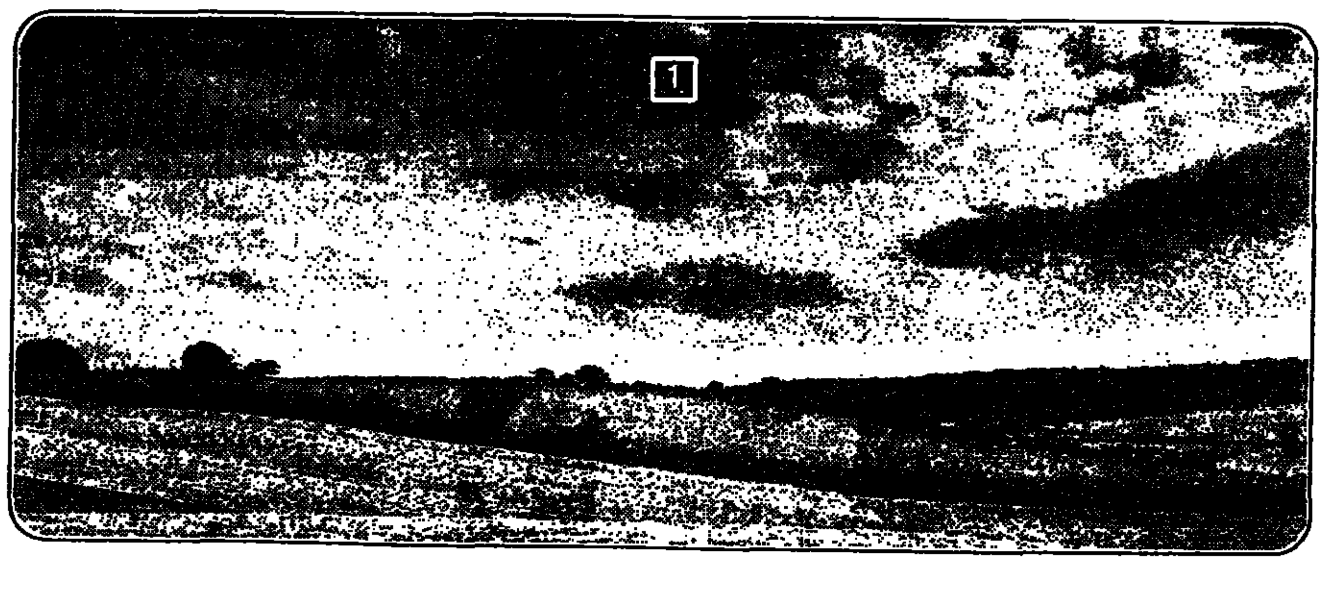

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Brussels warning over slow progress to unified market

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The European Commission yesterday expressed its "disappointment" over lack of progress towards a unified internal market.

Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC Commissioner for competition policy, said that the campaign to create a single Europ-ean market by 1992 had "caught the European imagination".

But he warned that the EEC still faced "an immense task". He was speaking as the Commission released a progress report showing that, of the 300 planned internal market measures, only 69 have been approved so far and six partly approved by the Council of Ministers.

"The rewards will be great if we succeed, the cost will be great if we fail," Mr Sutherland said in Paris.

Lord Cockfield, the Internal Market Comissioner, warned that the 1992 programme was slipping. He said the Commission would table 90 per cent of its proposals by the end of the year, and urged the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament — which has been given a greater role in EEC decisions — to speed up the process.

EEC trade ministers meet next Tuesday in Brussels to review the situation. Proposals still awaiting approval include the harmonization of veterinary controls, permitted food additives, and pharmaceutical standards; the opening of public contracts to cross-frontier competition; and key liberalizing measures in banking, transport, company law, and taxation.

EEC transport ministers this week failed to make progress on liberalizing the road haulage industry because of West German objections.

Mr Sutherland said effective control of company mergers within the EEC had been made more pressing because of the 1992 deadline.

Although "concentrations of market power" had an adverse effect, there was a growing acceptance among European firms that Europe as a whole was their home market, and this had given rise to a growing number of cross-frontier mergers. There therefore had to be a system of EEC control of mergers, since it was questionable whether mergers between companies in different EEC states could remain subject to "differing national laws".

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany this month vowed to make completion of the internal market a priority for the remaining months of Bonn's EEC presidency, which ends in July.

● **Security warning:** Lord Plumb, president of the European Parliament, yesterday called for a common European security and defence policy to complement EEC moves toward economic and political union.

Speaking at the University of Leiden in The Netherlands, Lord Plumb said that, as it approached completion of the internal market in 1992, Europe was in danger of being "an economic giant but a political pygmy".

Man in the News

Irishman tipped for top EEC post

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

Mr Peter Sutherland is Ireland's representative in the 17-man European Commission. Formerly the youngest-ever Irish Attorney-General, he is still only 41 and has been in charge of EEC competition policy for the past four years, using the post to widen Brussels's powers over cross-frontier company mergers as the single market in 1992 approaches.

There is now an increasingly open campaign, regarded by some officials as over-ambitious, by others as admirable, to make Mr Sutherland president of the Commission when the current Commission's four-year mandate expires at the end of the year.

Whether the presidency is available will depend on two key events in the next few months: the French presidential election next month and the EEC summit in Hanover in June. M Jacques Delors, president of the Commission since 1985, is a former French Finance Minister, and has made no secret of his desire to return to French politics in the right circumstances. Aides have let it be known that M Delors would not mind being French Prime Minister after the presidential election.

On the other hand, the call to the Hotel Mâtignon may not come, especially if M Jacques Chirac becomes President of France. In that case, the 12 EEC national leaders, who appoint the Commission, could ask M Delors to stay on for another two years.

Mr Sutherland: Widening powers to vet mergers.

With this scenario increasingly on the cards, attention is turning to the other portfolios. The Hanover summit is three months away, but the jostling for position is going on now.

Britain, like West Germany, France, Spain and Italy, has two commissioners: Lord Cockfield, a former Tory Cabinet minister, who has the crucial internal market portfolio and is vice-president of the Commission; and Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, formerly a junior minister under Labour, who handles transport, the environment and nuclear safety.

By convention one British commissioner is Conservative, the other Labour. But West Germany has already abandoned a similar unwritten rule. As 1992 approaches, and the EEC's direct role in British political and economic life grows inexorably, the Prime Minister may want Britain's men in Brussels to represent her own outlook. Lord Cockfield, who will be 72 in September, is deemed by No. 10 to have "gone native" since arriving here. He may survive the reshuffle but his frequent clashes with the Government over plans for harmonizing indirect taxation (VAT and excise duties) seem to point in one direction: honourable retirement.

The risk is that whoever succeeds Lord Cockfield might well also "go native". On the other hand, if Britain relinquishes the internal market portfolio in the coming reshuffle, the leading contender for the job is probably none other than Mr Sutherland, especially if M Delors holds onto the presidency.

A large, cigar-smoking man with the build and outlook of a former University College, Dublin, rugger player, Mr Sutherland has unflinchingly tackled giant companies over cartel practices.

Together with Mr Clinton Davis, Mr Sutherland has pushed through liberalization of air transport in Europe, and is now steadily widening Brussels's powers to vet proposed mergers within the EEC.

Although he belongs to the opposition Fine Gael and not to the ruling party of Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, Mr Sutherland would presumably have Dublin's support in going either for the Commission presidency or the internal market portfolio. In the run up to Hanover, Mrs Thatcher and Mr Haughey will clearly have more to talk about than Northern Ireland and the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Racism enters French election

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

President Mitterrand pinning the Military Medal on a Foreign Legion soldier yesterday in Paris. The soldier, aged 22, from Luxembourg, had his foot blown off by a mine in Chad.

Slowly but surely, the French presidential election campaign is beginning to reflect the potential importance of the votes to be won by exploiting the issues of race and immigration.

Barely a month after a nationwide survey found that the vast majority of the electorate believed these should, and would, be important themes in the run-up to polling day, the main parties are carefully staking out positions in the battle for what might well be decisive support in a tight finish.

The basic arithmetic before the strategists looks dramatic enough. The 1981 presidential contest was decided by a margin of about 600,000 votes. Since then, anything up to half a million *beurs*, second-generation descendants of immigrants from North Africa, have become eligible to vote.

On the other side of the coin, the size of the "couscous vote", representing the French *pieds noirs* formerly settled in North Africa, is now estimated at about 800,000.

Among a great many of France's young *beurs*, there is deep and pervasive cynicism about the election. "Tell me one thing voting will do to change my life, go on tell me," demands one teenager, marooned without a job, increasingly without hope, in a crumbling public housing complex in Marseilles.

Under the increasingly active direction of the SOS-Racisme movement, a drive to persuade these disillusioned youngsters to get on the electoral list has been under way for months.

"If you don't vote, it's a vote for him .fs2." warns one poster, beneath an unflattering photograph of M Jean-Marie Le Pen, head of the ultra-right National Front party.

Despite the widespread assumption that immgrants who do turn out will overwhelmingly back the French left, community leaders still refuse to endorse any candidate publicly. The 1981-86 years of Socialist government saw a degree of liberalization for immigrants already in France, but *beurs* also remember how the rules were tightened to prevent families arriving from North Africa and how illegal immigrants were speedily expelled.

On the other hand, as *Le Monde* noted after the big "rally for equality" in Paris last weekend, certain signals are becoming clear enough. President Mitterrand, though still not officially in the running for the Socialists, did himself no harm with a visit to a school in one of the capital's most deprived immigrant quarters. "At the end of the day," concedes one immigrant leader, "you'll probably see us supporting the least worst candidate."

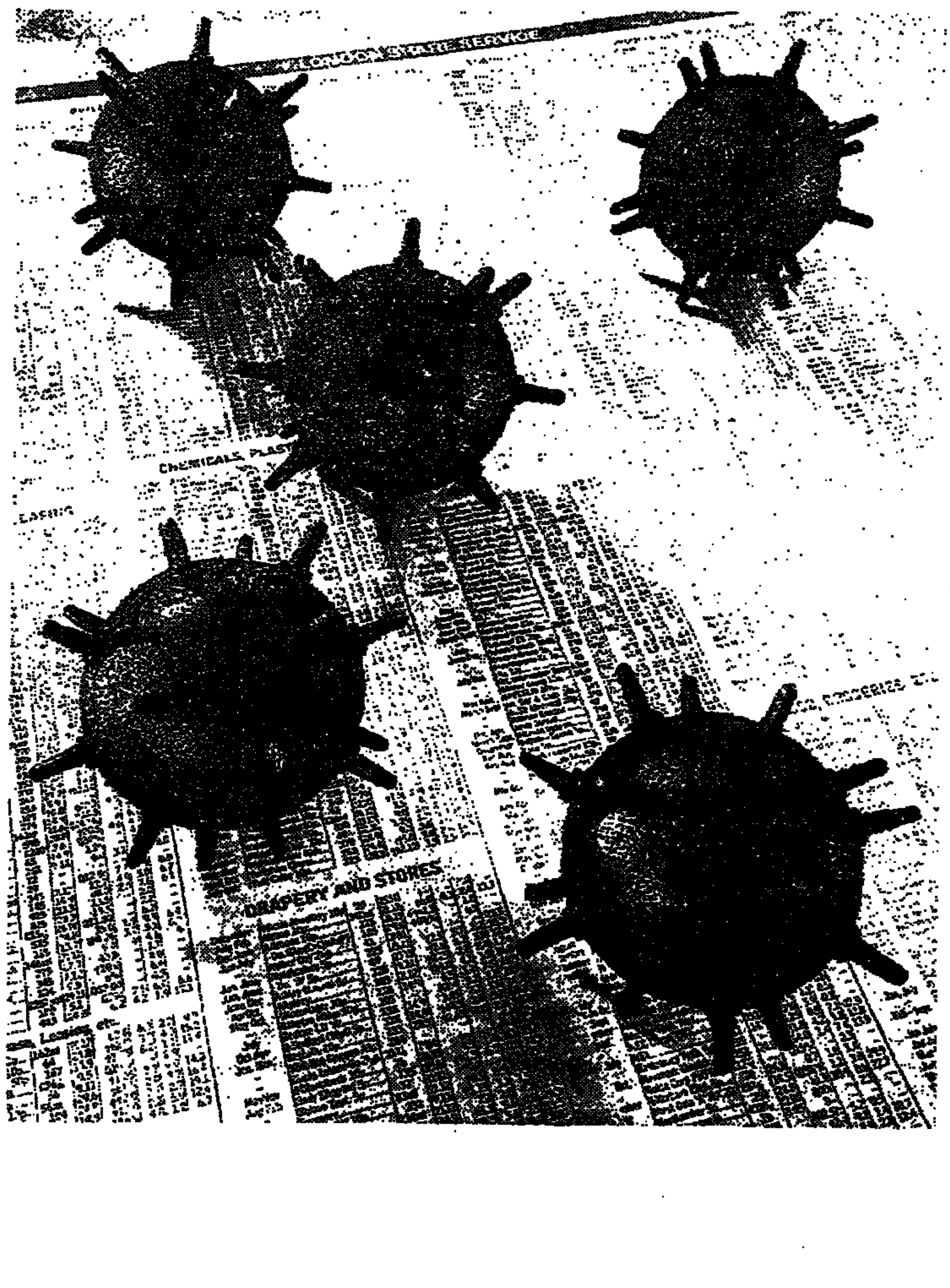
With M Le Pen's first-round support apparently holding steady at about 10 per cent, he may soon decide to go for broke on the racial issue to improve National Front bargaining power in the run-off. Depending who you listen to, M Le Pen has already wrapped up between 40 per cent and 50 per cent of the *pieds noirs'* vote.

It is an article of faith in M Le Pen's inner circle that large numbers of men and women decline to tell opinion polls they are thinking of backing the National Front for fear of being branded as racists. It is certainly not difficult to find individuals who will tell you this, though coloured immigrants are by no means their only obsession.

Predictably, this fertile ground has not escaped the notice of the more "respectable" right, to the extent that M Le Pen now complains about his policies being hijacked. The Chirac campaign, masterminded by that formidable fighter M Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, is already busy putting out its own electoral signals.

In Marseilles the Prime Minister said that, while he found racism indefensible, "I can understand it." M Pasqua reminded another election meeting that his Government was busy protecting "our people" by hustling illegal immigrants over the border.

More cautiously, M Raymond Barre, generally held to be more of the centre than his rival, also appears to be adjusting his sights on the immigration issue. Once an advocate of a "multi-cultural" France embracing different ethnic groups, he is now pledged to keeping a vigilant eye on "our national identity".



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Kim Dae Jung quits party leadership to unite opposition

From John Gittelsohn, Seoul

Mr Kim Dae Jung relinquished the presidency of his Party for Peace and Democracy yesterday in a bid to forge a united opposition for next month's National Assembly election.

"I have keenly felt guilty," Mr Kim said in a prepared statement, conceding that his continued role as party president was hindering opposition reunification.

Park Young Sook, aged 56, a feminist and dissident, replaced Mr Kim as acting party president.

Many observers believe, however, that Mr Kim will continue to exercise power behind the scenes.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, aged 65, has been pressed to step down since his defeat in December's presidential election when he divided the opposition vote with his rival, Mr Kim Young Sam, to allow a victory by the ruling party candidate, Mr Roh Tae Woo, who is now President. Opposition politicians fear their divisions will lead to a similar drubbing in the National Assembly elections scheduled for April 26.

Mr Kim Dae Jung's resignation came as other opposition factions neared an agreement to field a unified slate of candidates for the election. The parties have set a new deadline of March 20 to decide who should run in the nation's 225 electoral districts. The two Kims won 54 per cent of the votes in the presidential election, and political observers give the opposition a fair chance of gaining a majority in the National Assembly should their merger succeed.

"It will be a battle royal if they do merge," a Western diplomat said, "but they still haven't done it yet."

Mr Kim Dae Jung and his wife went into seclusion yesterday. The resignation had not come easily. He has spent 16 years imprisoned, exiled in the United States and in Japan, and under house arrest before his political rights were restored last July.

Just last week Mr Kim Dae Jungrefused to follow the example of Mr Kim Young Sam, who gave up his party presidency in February as a sign of contrition for the opposition's defeat. Many of Mr Kim Dae Jung's strongest supporters complained that he placed his own self-interest about the good of the democratic opposition. His party had suffered several defections in recent weeks.

Mr Kim Dae Jung still retains the loyalty of millions of Koreans, however, especially the people from his native Cholla province. Almost nobody is willing to say this is the end of his career.

"He will be called back later," said Mr Choi Woon Sang, an adviser to Mr Kim Dae Jung.

● **Murder hunt:** Police launched a murder hunt for 11 striking Hyundai workers in Ulsan yesterday as labour unrest spread to two more subsidiaries of South Korea's most powerful industrial group (AFP reports).

Some 2,000 workers walked out at Hyundai Heavy Electrics in the south-eastern industrial city, shutting down production, witnesses said.

Hyundai Motors, South Korea's biggest car-maker, had to cut back production when 3,000 workers staged a sit-in and some later went on strike, workers reached by telephone said.

A shutdown at Hyundai Heavy Industries went into a second day after a walkout by 10,000 ship workers.

More than 4,000 riot police had been deployed in the town.

Hyundai workers are demanding an end to alleged suppression of union rights.

Meanwile, police said they were looking for a union leader and 10 striking workers in connection with Wednesday's death of a security guard at Hyundai Engines.

Tibetans start hunger strike

Tenzin Khenrab, aged 23, a Tibetan monk, beginning a hunger strike with 14 other Tibetan exiles and an Indian yesterday at a secret location in Delhi. The group, who are fasting to secure the release of compatriots arrested by Chinese authorities in Lhasa during recent pro-independence protests, had earlier been prevented by police from staging their protest outside the United Nations office, so they decided to demonstrate privately (Reuter reports). The hunger strikers want a UN inquiry into protests in Lhasa last October and this month which they say left at least 42 people dead. In Peking yesterday China cautioned against foreign interference in Tibet. The Communist Party newspaper *People's Daily* quoted Mr Yao Yilin, a Deputy Prime Minister, as saying that Tibet had belonged to China for centuries and that Peking's policies there were an internal matter. "Nationalities and religion are China's internal affair," he said.

Japan's envoy sees brighter trade picture

By Michael Dynes

The appointment of a Japanese Ambassador to London is nowadays watched with keen anticipation by interested parties in both countries, for the eminence or otherwise of the appointee is taken as a signal of Tokyo's attitude to bilateral financial and industrial issues.

Mr Kazuo Chiba, who took up his appointment this week, seems to represent something of a compliment. It is widely being interpreted here as a reflection of Tokyo's recognition of Britain's recent economic success, and of its consequent determination to upgrade Anglo-Japanese relations.

Born into an imperial diplomatic family in Tokyo in 1925, Mr Chiba was destined to follow in his father's footsteps. After graduating from the University of Tokyo, he entered the diplomatic service in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, holding a variety of foreign posts before being appointed Consul-General at Atlanta in the US in 1974.

After being appointed Consul-General at Berlin in 1976, Director-General of the Middle Eastern and African Affairs Bureau in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1978, and Ambassador to Sri Lanka in 1980, Mr Chiba became Japan's Ambassador to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) in 1982.

Mr Chiba has earned a reputation as a tough negotiator, capable of rapidly mastering the minutiae of policy. He is widely respected as a man who demands the highest intellectual standards from his staff.

Although he grew up in Paris, he is a fluent English speaker. Mr Chiba told *The Times*: "My father was a French specialist who told me as a child that the age of the French language was about to be superseded by the age of English. So I was educated at a French school run by an Englishman, where I was brought up on *William the Bad*." Mr Chiba said that he, along with many people in Japan, have watched with great interest how Mrs Thatcher has managed to "turn the British economy around" and agreed with the departing speech made by his predecessor, Mr Toshio Yamazaki, that Britain was again an economic force to be reckoned with.

Mr Chiba welcomed the arrival of the European Community's integrated market as "a great boom for world trade in general".

"Judging by my experience in the US domestic market, it will be very good for Japanese companies investing throughout the EEC, most of which has gone to Britain," he said.

"Naturally, we will have to abide by the rules, and we will have to contribute not only to the development of the British economy but the European economy as well."

Mr Chiba acknowledged that there were a number of trade problems still outstanding which have tarnished relations between Britain and Japan.

The dust may now have settled over last year's bitter dispute between London and Tokyo over whether Cable & Wireless should be given access to the Japanese international telecommunications market, but the memories of how difficult it has been to break into other sectors of the Japanese domestic market — particularly for British exporters of whisky and brandy — are still fresh.

But Mr Chiba was confident that his experience at the Gatt would be instrumental in working out solutions.

Mr Chiba's appointment is likely to be greeted warmly by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who urged Japan to acknowledge the special relationship that existed between Japan and Britain during his visit to Japan in January.

Mr Chiba: Reputation as a tough negotiator.

Bourguiba legacy

Tunisia to try 138 for plotting coup

By Susan MacDonald

The Tunisian authorities have revealed that 138 members of the armed forces and National Guard are to be tried in connection with an alleged coup plot, supposedly uncovered just before the removal from power last November of the former President, Mr Habib Bourguiba.

The discovery of the plot may have precipitated the senile Mr Bourguiba's forced departure, carried out by the present head of state, President Zine al-Abidine ben Ali.

Those under arrest allegedly form part of fanatical Islamic groups created inside the armed forces and the police by extremist organizations, such as the Islamic Tendency movement, which had been the subject of a crackdown by the former President. They are accused of planning attacks on key installations, including the radio station, and the storming of a prison to release Islamic Tendency movement leaders serving long sentences imposed at last September's trial of Islamic extremists.

The authorities state that those involved will be tried for their crimes and not for their religious convictions, but the Islamic question remains one of the key problems for President Ben Ali. Accusations of torture of prisoners continue under the new regime. One of the arrested army officers died in detention earlier this year, officially of a heart attack.

Some 2,000 Islamic extremists have been released from prison since November, but not the movements' leaders. The new President finds it difficult to be more lenient with the moderates while hardliners appear to have been involved in plotting.

President Ben Ali is gradually moving towards a more open form of government, but the pressures around him are enormous. At the ruling party's executive meeting last month the name was changed from Destourian Socialist Party to Constitutional Democratic Assembly Party, announcing the start of a new era. A Bill changing the Constitution, including limiting the present lifelong presidency to a simple five-year term, will be presented to Parliament within the next few weeks.

After this it is hoped that genuine elections will be held before the end of next year. However, Tunisia is meeting resistance on this score from its giant neighbours, Algeria and Libya. Both are frightened that demands for democracy could spread across their borders, causing dissatisfaction with one-party systems.

Hong Kong vote ends in protests

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A debate on political reform in Hong Kong ended yesterday with hunger strikes, noisy demonstrations and a barrage of demands from liberal legislators calling for democracy.

A motion proposed in the colony's legislature by one of the liberals, Mr Martin Lee, regretting that direct elections would not be introduced in 1988, was defeated by 42 votes to seven, with one abstention.

While a heated debate was going on, 60 students started a 30-hour hunger strike outside, calling on the Government to institute democratic reforms immediately.

Several hundred demonstrators, carrying posters and chanting pro-democracy slogans, burned an effigy of a lame duck, a symbol they said represented Hong Kong's Government.

MrLee said a White Paper on reforms published by the Government last month was "totally disappointing".

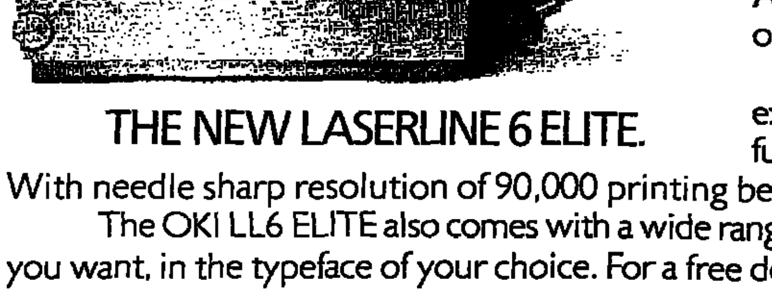
The policy document proposed that 10 of the 56 seats in the legislature would be returned by direct elections in 1991.

Liberal legislators and pressure groups had pressed strongly for direct elections to be introduced this year.

Mr Lee said he was concerned that the Government might have consulted Peking before making a decision on reforms.

Chinese officials have repeatedly stated that direct elections should not be held before a constitution for the colony is drafted and approved in 1990.

Government legislators said the document represented a first step towards democracy.



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Myths made for every man

Does it really matter if Robin Hood robbed from the rich to give to the poor or, indeed, if he ever existed at all? Brian James looks at the mythology and discovers that, ultimately, the legend is more important than the facts

Legends are lies that we wish to believe: the best of them are no more subject to dismissal by now-revealed truth than they have been made stale by time and retelling. Thus, Robin Hood's heroism, Friar Tuck's girth and Maid Marian's virtue are safe.

Which should reassure the burghers of Nottingham who have been at virulent odds this week with their own promotions department and a local historian over suggestions that not only were Robin and Friar Tuck unknown to each other, but the chaste Maid Marian was not above entertaining the entire band of Merry Men — and any other townsman with a groat-filled purse.

This was always going to be a difficult year for legends to live through. For 1988 is edge-to-edge with anniversaries, including the Armada, the settling of Australia, the Coronation of Victoria, the Landing of William of Orange and the death of Jack the Ripper's first victim. Anniversaries attract probers and pryers. With no clear date on Robin Hood, Nottingham felt themselves out of this particular firing line until the version of a Maid Marion far from the blushing virgin landed like a thudding arrow in the corporate chest. James Holt, holder of the chair in medieval history at Cambridge, author of a 1982 book on which the debunking pamphlet is based, is unabashed by their roar of outrage.

"I am astonished. The pamphlet seems to have taken a sensible and intelligent view of the legend. Indeed, a courageous view. A legend accumulates like a snowball, so to know what it is made of you go back to its very much smaller origins. This is a point that Nottingham's politicians and men of the purse seem to have missed."

Perhaps not. His "men of the purse" would know of a business expansion scheme for a museum of Robin Hoodiana in Nottingham, a project unlikely to be enhanced by an original Marian in the role of "model". Professor Holt: "Any museum must be established to international standards, which are quite strict. One cannot have the story put over as tawdry entertainment . . . men in green jerkins badly shooting bows."

Did the professor not feel guilty about peppering a story that had thrilled for centuries: do men not *need* legends? "Heavens, yes. They have an important impact on people's lives, and contribute a framework for their thinking. There is a danger, therefore, if this is based on fiction or a misapprehension of the past. To examine these legends to prevent just that, seems to me to be a respectable objective."

Professor Holt gets powerful support from two other men in his case for the importance of legends. Magnus Magnusson has written a scholarly work on his native Icelandic sagas, and produced a television series on British legends as disparate as *Robin Hood* and Burke and Hare.

Legends, he insists, have an importance far beyond what effect they may have on the number of visitors who choose to take tea in *Nottingham* next summer. "Their worth lies not in what they tell us of the subject of the tales, but what they tell us of the societies that develop and embroider them."

The legend of Robin Hood, for example, has no certain kernel of truth. Although he is presumed to have lived in the late 12th and early 13th centuries, the first written reference to him is not found until 1261, and then in Berkshire, where his name was used as being synonymous with wrongdoing. The written *Tales of Robin Hood* were very much later. Scholars are prepared to argue that the man who gave the stories a base was either a poacher in Sherwood Forest, or a simple footpad in Barnsdale, 40 miles to the north..

The latter is more likely, according to Magnusson, as Sherwood Forest's *trails* would have been a ludicrously risky route for travellers and thus provided little in the way of gold-laden pack trains for Hood to drop on to from convenient branches, whereas Barnsdale was astride a busy road northwards and a popular haunt of brigands.

"Yet there was more attraction in the idea of a yeoman, much abused, setting all to rights with a *long-bow*, and defying royal authority to poach for the pot; add subsequent embroidery, a hero actually well-born, heir to the Earl of Huntingdon, and possessed of the archery skills that were winning foreign wars for England. It is at once a most powerful and flattering self-image for men of the time."

Magnusson lists later alterations in the Robin Hood story to support the thesis of legend as a continually-changing litmus of the times: Maid Marian was added centuries later, undoubtedly a deliberate element drawn from the Virgin Mary, perhaps a Church initiative to clean up the tale.

Here, he might have added, the famous Errol Flynn film version of the 1930s was financed and directed by men, some emigrant Jews, who saw the film as a perfect allegory of the threat of Nazism. "Similarly," he adds, "the 1960s film version, depicting Robin as anti-hero, will mirror for future generations what our society felt about action men in that decade."

Dick Turpin's story had its roots in a public need for mitigation of their own deeds and temptations: "Turpin lived at a time of a booming black economy based on scarcely-legal acts. If he, a thief, was a hero, then so were they. This is the ultimate repartee of the deprived."

He sees as the most powerful legend that of Alfred and the Cakes. "In the original version it was not cakes that burned, but bread, and that is significant. The Anglo-Saxon word for 'Lord' was 'Breadkeeper' — the chief with the duty of making sure his people were fed. For him to neglect his task and waste their food . . . but then to submit humbly to proper chastisement from the housewife before rousing himself for ultimate victory . . . this was a most powerful parable on several levels."

Will our own age produce men to staff the legends of future centuries? Probably not. Videofilm and forensic science are tools to lay bare even the most enticing of lies.

Magnusson: "True, I am afraid. Had our ancestors been able to consult parish records of Kirklees, and had they showed that R. Hood died from some rather humiliating illness, a 14th century equivalent of Aids, I doubt if the legend would have been able to start. A pity. For legends of heroism are important to all societies . . . they enable us to survive; people who are fundamentally life's victims need help to cope."

Jasper Griffin, Fellow of Balliol, and author of *The Mirror of Myths*, also stresses the strength of even fictional heroes: "If someone tries to tell you Mickey Mouse is on drugs, does that make you feel worse about Mickey Mouse, or your informant? Or stop you believing what you wish to believe about the Mouse? We need the ornaments of legend in our lives, and we will not dispose of them because someone tells us they have become unfashionable.

"We have no facts, no certain way of telling what Hood was like, so we will continue to remember him in a way that most appeals. The Pope told us that St Christopher never existed: did that make a single believer take his St Christopher medal from his car?"

The creation of legends is a totally mysterious business. "It appears quite random. All legends have in common is a clear and simple philosophy. The Arthurian tales, Robin Hood, the Trojan Horse, the Wild West, they are mostly about simple moral choices. Right and wrong. With a clear-cut victory over oppression and evil. Often in single combat.

"Legends attract poetry and elaboration which they suck into themselves, often in contradiction to obvious fact. St Tristram lived in another age to Arthur, yet legend places him at that Court simply because he was the sort of chap who *would* have been around!"

Jasper Griffin is clear about why legends develop. Because they meet a demand of the human heart. "Arthur was just the king the hard-pressed people of the land wanted to see back. He was just and he was fearless, and he rode out and dispatched villains, released the damsels, with a single thrust. Whereas in real life villains are so much harder to topple. Like Al Capone, jailed finally for fiddling his income tax. Where is the glory and the legendary *swiftness* in that?

"By telling how crooked sheriffs and little fat abbots got what was coming to them, the legends kept alive the hope that there was social justice. They give a glimpse of a simpler, nobler life, and what's more one lived by people just like themselves — except perhaps with a little more courage!".

So the purpose that legends serve is to persuade us that it is possible for great men to do heroic deeds while, unlike the heroes of the Church's tales, living lives not that remote from our own?

"Exactly. You might not want to go and live in a tree in Sherwood, nor march into a saloon to end a brawl in Tombstone. But if you wanted to, you *could*. You were not asked to live the lives of unrelenting misery and pain that seemed to befall the Christian martyrs: it was easier to dream oneself into the band of merry men than, say, the apostles."

The councillors and coffeehouse keepers of Nottingham can cease manning the walls. Their legend is under no siege. We shall continue to tell of an heroic Robin Hood and a virtuous Maid Marian, because these tales have an enduring simplicity, and because we want our children to believe, as we did, in a world where just now and then insolence in office is summarily punished by the powerless.

Bows to a legend: Douglas Fairbanks and Enid Bennett (left) in a 1920s film version, and an earlier engraving (above) of the death of the hero

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The avalanches that swept down on St Anton last Sunday are the latest evidence of a worrying trend in the Alps. In recent years, torrents of snow or water, mud and rock, have been increasing in frequency. The clearing of trees and bulldozing of new ski-runs has increased the danger, but the growing evidence of mortality and morbidity of trees, linked to air pollution, is more worrying. Changing agricultural practices also play their part. Ski-rich farmers are keeping fewer cows on the upland summer pastures. This leads to longer grass, which, under deep snow, can ferment and provide a lubricating layer, increasing the risk of avalanches. ***W.J. Burroughs***

GEOLOGY

A frog which fell into a tree between 35 and 40 million years ago provides new evidence about the origins of West Indian wildlife. The frog lived on the island of Hispaniola in the Dominican Republic. It was probably placed in the tree cavity by a predator, and subsequently fell into the tree resin, breaking a leg and an arm. But its accident preserved it in amber, and the first full description of it is now emerging (*Science* v. 237, p 1,215). Previous theories suggested that Hispaniola was colonized from the mainland of South America in post-Eocene times. The presence of the Upper Eocene frog and some other terrestrial vertebrates now seems to suggest that Hispaniola had a diverse fauna before the break-up of an early Antilles landmass located between the mainland in pre-Eocence times. ***Simon Elsy***

PUBLIC OPINION

The British public like the idea of a united Europe, but know remarkably little about the EEC, according to a MORI poll conducted for the Europarliament's European Democratic Group. Sixty-four per cent of Britons are for efforts being made to unify Western Europe, while 16 per cent are against. Significant majorities are also in favour of a common system of legal practice, fully integrated armed services to defend Europe, the introduction of a supreme Court of Europe, and a European passport instead of individual passports for each member state. Yet 67 per cent admit to being worried that Britain might lose some of her power to govern herself if Europe becomes more united; and only 35 per cent, indeed, are aware that there are direct elections to the European Parliament. ***Robert Worcester.***

The mystery of the chain-saw madame

A faithless lover, a merry widow and a headless torso: the case of the 'fiend of Nancy' is a gift for the French Press

It is now 28 months since Mme Simone Weber, a plump, blondish grandmother, was jailed in the town of Nancy on suspicion of being a double murderer. Her lawyers have already made 11 applications for her release and this week they submitted a 12th, urging the investigating magistrate to end what they claim has become a mockery of French justice.

Charged with dismembering a faithless lover with a chain-saw and poisoning her elderly husband, Weber was a god-send for the seamier school of French journalism, who love nothing better than a gory *crime passionelle*. Virtually overnight, the 57-year-old widow became "the fiend of Nancy", and when a torso which may or may not be that of her alleged victim was fished out of the Marne river, the lurid Press coverage intensified.

As the months dragged by without the case coming to trial, the fabric of Weber's life has been taken apart with all the loving detail of a Simenon novel of provincial passions and jealousy. Her neighbours and others in Nancy, an unattractive industrial centre in eastern France, are happily supplying readers with the small print of the evidence.

We are told, for instance, that Weber was infuriated by the endless infidelities of her lover, a handsome fellow called Bernard Hettier. We have been informed that she hired a chain-saw locally and did not return it, claiming it had been stolen. From an elderly couple downstairs, who evidently kept a close and disapproving eye on her personal life, we learn that a man went up to Weber's apartment on the night Hettier disappeared and never came down again. They also claim to have spotted Weber lugging some heavy plastic rubbish bags downstairs later on.

Then there is the weird business of the husband, her second, an 80-year-old former army officer named Marcel Fixart. Some newspapers claim they were never married legally, that someone else had posed as the groom for the ceremony: others hint that Fixart's will disinheriting his children in favour of Weber was forged.

Denials: Simone Weber.

The family, deprived of its legacy, did not let matters drop. Acting on the instructions of the magistrate — whom *Paris Match* magazine quotes as asserting that "a woman who kills her lover must also have murdered her husband" — the remains of Fixart were recently exhumed and sent for pathological tests. Poison is clearly suspected, but could it still be traced after seven years?

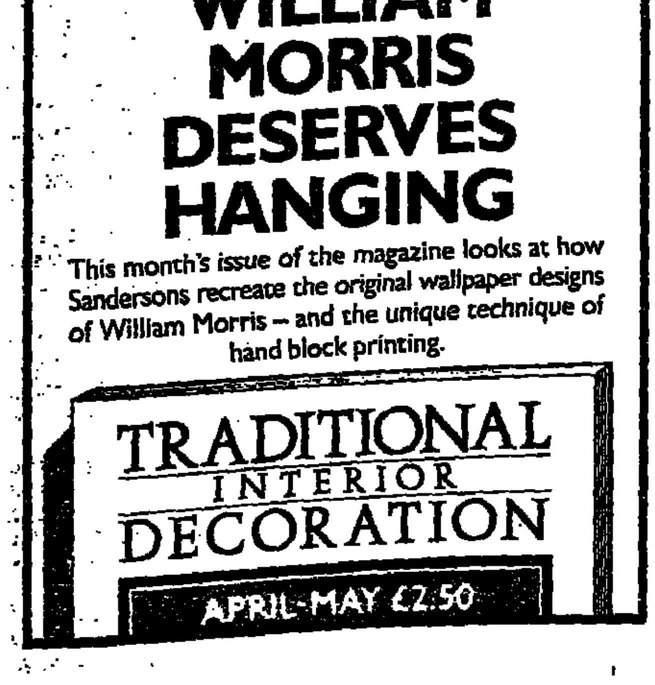
And what about that water-logged torso? Two and a half years later, there is still no firm proof that this is Bernard Hettier's mortal remains, let alone that a chain-saw was used on it. One expert still maintains the body is that of a male of North African origin.

By all accounts, "*la Diabolique*" is standing up well to her long imprisonment and her repeated trial by media. For all the circumstantial evidence and the unhelpful holes in her story — what was that chain saw *for*? — Weber has quietly but unswervingly denied everything.

This week, she should have been participating in one of the elaborate reconstructions which the French authorities frequently turn to when grappling with a particularly mystifying case. The idea was to spend two weeks going over every inch of the well-trodden ground in Nancy, culminating in dramatic "confrontations" between Weber and her various accusers.

At the last minute, however, the investigating magistrate pulled out to deal with another affair. The result of her latest appeal for release is expected later this month.

Philip Jacobson



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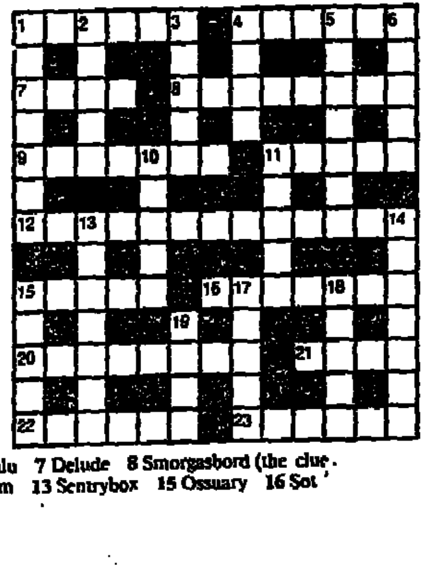

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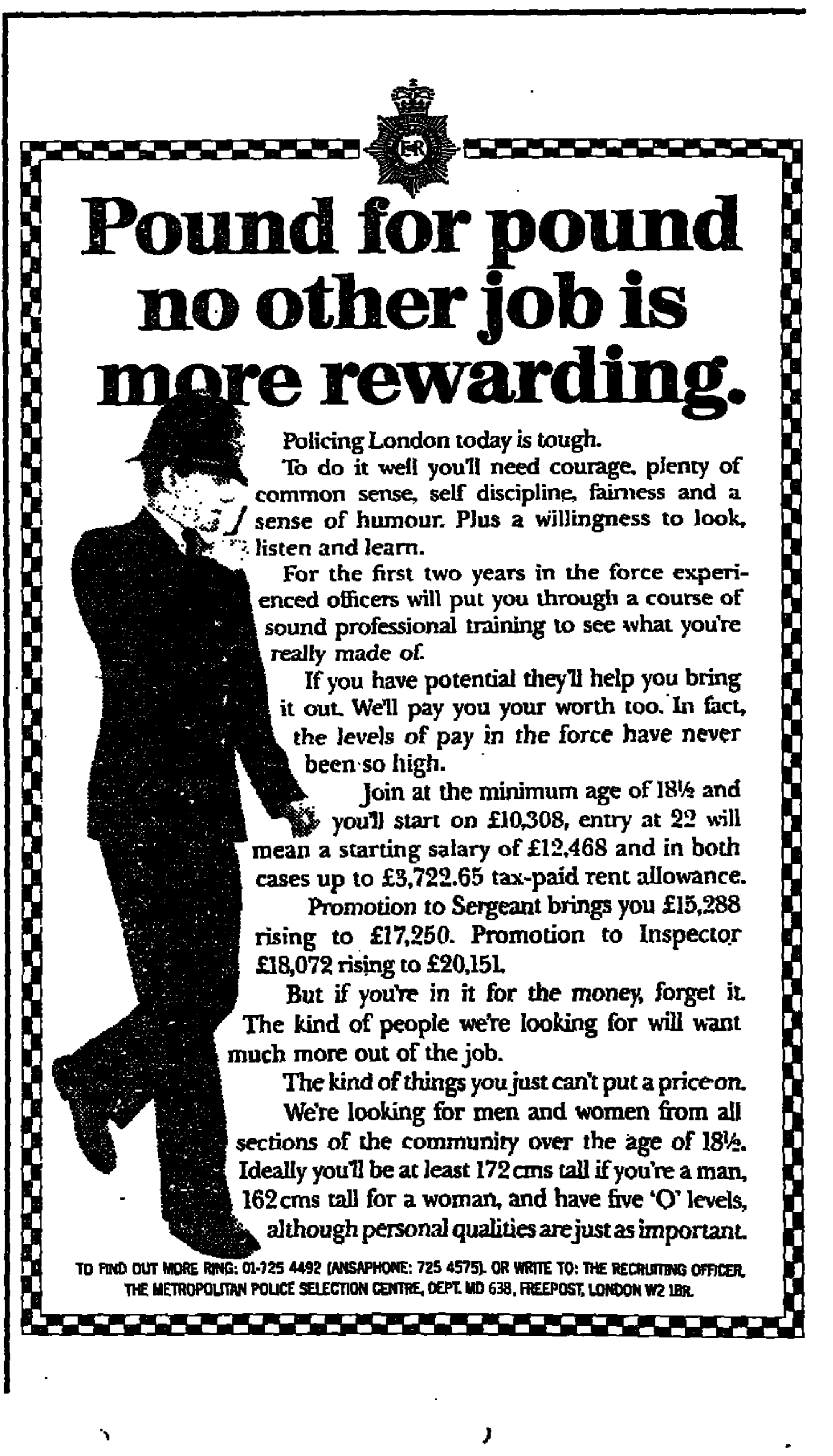

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TIMES DIARY

LORD ST JOHN OF FAWSLEY

On Wednesday the *Catholic Herald* marked its 100th birthday with a solemn mass presided over by Cardinal Hume. It is quite something for any paper to reach its centenary and especially a religious one. In fact the Catholic body in England's major contribution to public life has been the creation of a totally independent lay controlled press, an initiative which has saved us (on the whole) from the horrors of an ecclesiastically dominated diocesan press.

The *Catholic Herald*, which was founded in 1888 by an immigrant Irishman, Charles Diamond, has always taken a robustly independent line. Indeed Mr Diamond ended up in gaol in 1918 for a leading article on the troubles in Ireland entitled "Killing No Murder". Its most famous editor was undoubtedly Count Michael de la Bedoyère, who was highly critical of the Soviet Union throughout the war and rightly and resolutely opposed to the allied policy of unconditional surrender. So irritated did Mr Churchill become with the *Herald* and all its works and pomps that only the intervention of his close friend and adviser, Sir Desmond Morton, saved Count Michael from a spell in a cell.

I first appeared in the paper in 1951 when I was standing as the youngest parliamentary candidate against Mr John Parker of Dagenham, then Secretary of the Fabian Society and later Father of the House of Commons. My headline was "Daniel in the Dagenham Den". It was certainly tough going. My only reliable supporters were a local nest of nuns. On a visit to the convent one of them encouraged me with the words: "Faith will move mountains." The Reverend Mother interjected: "It may move mountains, sister, but it will not move Dagenham." I understood then why she was Reverend Mother. And she was right.

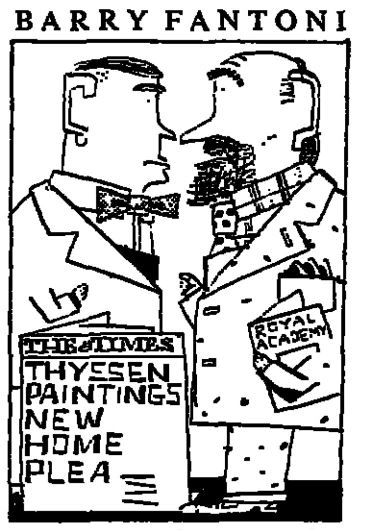
Earlier in the week I was at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden, surely (after the monarchy, Parliament and the courts) the greatest of our institutions, for a performance of its star perennial, Zeffirelli's production of *Tosca*. I was present for the first night in 1964 when Maria Callas and Tito Gobbi joined forces to give the classic *Tosca* performance of all time. Madame Callas is the only *diva* I have heard who got the emphasis right in her final sentences in Act II, when she spits at the dying Scarpia "Muori, muori *dannato*", thus despatching the wicked man to the judgement seat of the All Highest in the midst of his full blown lust.

The current *Tosca* is the vibrant black singer Miss Grace Bumbry, who comes from St Louis, Missouri. Once, after a wheel had tiresomely fallen off Concorde, I spent three hours discussing opera and life with Miss Bumbry in the lounge at Kennedy airport in New York.

I remember a heated dialogue over whether *The New York Times* or the real *Times* deposited more newsprint on one's fingers. Miss Bumbry brought the dispute disarmingly to an end with the words: "Anyhow, with my hands being as they are, it wouldn't show anyhow."

Actually, the greatest voice in Covent Garden is not to be found on the stage at all but in front of the bottles in the crush bar. It belongs to Mr Peter Torini, who for many years has served the operamanes with charm and efficiency. His debut came just before Christmas at the annual party of the Friends of Covent Garden when he gave a splendid rendering of "This is our Lovely Day" from Vivian Ellis's *Bless the Bride*. This year we are hoping for *Panis Angelicus* and a reincarnation of Count John McCormack. Mr Torini has asked me to accompany him.

BARRY FANTONI



'Daphne says she's more than willing to hang a couple in the spare room'

Another outing, in an enflued state, has been to Eton to speak to the Political Society presided over by Henry Channon, the son of the Cabinet minister. I always enjoy going to Eton and the last time I spoke there was from the pulpit in the chapel, which looks ancient but is in fact modern.

The Political Society at Eton is flourishing, as befits a school which has had far more than its fair share of Prime Ministers, 18 out of the 50 or so since Walpole. I'm afraid that political speakers are notorious last minute "no shows". Once at the Cambridge Union I received a standing ovation on entry which was gratifying but impersonal, as I discovered later. I was the only listed speaker actually to have turned up that term. Eton has no shortage of right-wing speakers but those on the left are more coy — perhaps they think they will be infected or converted.

One Labour Member who has no such inhibitions is Mr Eric Heffer, a great favourite among the boys and who lets them have it, or so they told me, straight from the shoulder. At first this love affair may look surprising, especially as one of Eric's best stories is that the nearest he ever got to a public school was delivering meat as a butcher's boy to the kitchen at Haileybury! Yet Eric is not only a left-wing socialist but a delightful human being and a stratospherically high churchman. What could be more suitable, therefore, than a visit from him to a school dedicated by its pious founder, Henry VI, to the Blessed Virgin.

Ken Judge urges that the Griffiths Report be saved from Whitehall

Mixed economy of care

Sooner or later external government advisers run into opposition from their permanent counterparts, the civil servants. Sir Roy Griffiths, health adviser to the Prime Minister since 1983, is no exception. His reform of NHS management has been heralded as the most significant since 1948. But his latest offering — a trenchant review of community-care policy — has met with concerted opposition in Whitehall.

Publication with a flourish had been intended for the Griffiths Report, but it made a *sotto voce* appearance in the aftermath of the Budget, while its author convalesces from an operation.

Whatever the reasons for its muted emergence, the report cannot easily be shelved. Sir Roy's agenda for action is the most significant statement about community care since the Seebohm Report in 1968. His recommendations may not appeal to the anti-local-government lobby or certain vested interests, but reform is long overdue. To reject Griffiths means the maintenance of the status quo and the waste, confusion and suffering which that implies.

The broad policy objectives of community care are clear enough. They are to ensure that the right services are provided to the disadvantaged people who need them most, and wherever possible in their own homes. The views of consumers are to be taken more seriously and they are to have greater choice.

But these principles have not been put into practice. Reports by the Audit Commission and the National Audit Office have been unequivocal in their criticism of community care. The four so-called "priority groups" — elderly, mentally handicapped, mentally ill and physically disabled people — are unnecessarily disadvantaged by present arrangements. Services are patchy and poorly coordinated, too many resources are still locked up in old long-stay hospitals.

Against this background, Griffiths aims to provide a more coherent framework for policy development by improving the machinery of government and removing obstacles to value for money. Two of his proposals merit particular attention.

First, central government should take community care more seriously. A minister should be designated to provide policy leadership and direction. This would involve promulgating values and objectives, monitoring local plans and reviewing priorities in the light of changing circumstances. The second critical feature is that "if community care means anything it is that responsibility is placed as near to the individuals and his carers as possible". Local authorities should take the lead role within policy guidelines specified by the appropriate minister and in collaboration with relevant agencies.

A genuine mixed economy of welfare is the goal. This means making a clear distinction between the quintessentially public tasks of financing, planning and regulating social services, and their production and delivery, which can be much more diverse. It is not immediately obvious that either local or central government is equipped to handle the required changes. The transformation will be uncomfortable for both Whitehall and town halls. But change is essential if the reforms are to stand any chance of success.

At local level, nothing short of a cultural revolution is required to sweep away the traditional reliance on a public sector monopoly of services. New kinds of skills are a prerequisite for the kind of local welfare state that Griffiths has in mind. Social work education does not properly equip existing staff for their new roles. Management development programmes are essential if progress is to be made.

The critical tasks are to assess the needs of disadvantaged people and to ensure that cost-effective and co-ordinated packages of care are provided. The public sector should not necessarily produce services itself. But an emphasis on enabling — rather than providing — will not meet with universal approval and it remains to be seen whether the local authority world will view Griffiths as an opportunity or a threat.

If anything, however, the challenge to central government is even greater. Can Whitehall both provide policy leadership and undertake the major executive task of monitoring and approving detailed local plans for more than 100 local areas? Is the Government prepared to entrust additional responsibilities to local councils?

Anyone with knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the Civil Service must question its capacity and willingness to administer the kind of planning framework which Griffiths envisages. One possibility, therefore, might be to hive-off much of this work to a community care development agency.

But the major obstacle to an enthusiastic reception for Griffiths is paranoia about local authorities. These fears are now quite out of proportion to the real dangers. Despite their abhorrence at the thought of increasing the responsibilities of such authorities as Brent or Liverpool, ministers may find on reflection that there is no practical alternative.

Whatever the Government decides, the Griffiths Report must not be stillborn. It clearly articulates a vision of a more pluralistic and responsive welfare state, and resolutely tackles the present muddle and confusion which passes for policy. Many of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in the community must hope that Sir Roy has the energy and commitment to keep his ideas alive.

The author is director of the King's Fund Institute and was an adviser to Sir Roy Griffiths during the review.

Merlyn Rees

When the talking has to start

One day's barbarism in Northern Ireland may be different in detail from those that preceded it, but the ghastliness of it all is the same. In "the province", in "the six counties", or in "a part of the United Kingdom" — pick your own tribal description — violence is endemic.

It is an unstable area of some 1.5 million people, where the actions of small groups and of individual psychopaths are played out to twang the heart strings of people caught up in the "history" of the past. Violence begets violence. Revenge becomes almost inevitable. Tit for tat murdering becomes the order of the day.

In the face of this, the first duty of any Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is to help dampen down the mood of revenge and retribution. In the past, a murdering period such as the present one has ended, partly from seeming exhaustion, but also from clandestine meetings by the warring paramilitary groups. In one case I recall that the contacts were made in the Maze prison.

The security forces on the streets of Belfast know these leaders who need to be told that the responsibility is theirs: the world also needs to be informed of this vital point. In the short run, mere words and warnings will not stop the cycle of violence. In this context the RUC — for theirs is the prime responsibility — will, by road blocks and other means, prevent the easy movement of arms.

Overall, there is no military solution in Ulster. Police action can only moderate tit-for-tat violence. Non-paramilitary community leaders also have a role. Churchmen and non-churchmen alike are free with their advice to government. Now they should talk to the paramilitaries of all hues who are well known in their areas. Revenge violence comes from these people: community leaders must talk with them and not to the world. The responsibility for the violence lies in Northern Ireland, but the Irish Republic has also, particularly through its politicians, a role to play, as it has since long before the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

After the Gibraltar shootings, Adams, the Sinn Fein leader in Belfast, sought assurances from Dublin that there was no Garda involvement in Spain and Gibraltar. Such reassurances were given: the South was not involved in tracking down the putative Gibraltar bombers. Charles Haughey should ask Adams to give assurances to Dublin that tit-for-tat action will not come from the Provisional IRA or its related groups.

British politicians are not in a position to do likewise with the Loyalist groups. Any influence that the mainland Conservative Party had over its connection with the Ulster Unionists has dissipated since the ending of Stormont, Sunningdale, and the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Unionist politicians in the province are not connected with paramilitaries, but they must keep on speaking out against violence.

The first aim of all responsible people involved in Irish affairs is to dampen the current mood of revenge. Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State, needs all support on this, for it will be his main concern. There will be problems outside Ireland that are beyond the control of Mr King and certainly the rest of us.

With the memory in mind of the effect of the Attorney-General's decision not to authorize the prosecution of RUC policemen who had been accused in the Stalker/Sampson report of subverting the course of justice, the legal effects of the Gibraltar shootings looms.

Shortly there will be a coroner's inquest in Gibraltar under the rules of 1953. There have been changes in the United Kingdom since then, but the older inquisitional proceedings will be concerned with "how, when and where the deceased came by his death" and "the persons, if any, to be charged with murder, manslaughter or infanticide or of being accessories before the fact should the jury find that the deceased came by his death by murder, manslaughter or infanticide".

In other words, the world's press will be reporting on a jury trial. Gibraltar will be in the world's headlines as more detailed information is revealed. Those ministers and others who do not know Northern Ireland will have to choose their words carefully. The taught nerves of nationalist/republican Ireland will be tested and tit-for-tat murderers will believe they are acting on behalf of their community.

On the security side, now and beyond the period of current violence, there is the worry of the resurgence of the Loyalist paramilitary groups. Does the replacement of the leader of the Ulster Defence Association mean a move away from "politics" or moderation and towards murder and the UVF, the UFF, or the Red Hand Commandos? What is certain is that they have all received new and lavish supplies of sophisticated arms (via the south?).

One response the Government ought to make is to try to bring the Unionist politicians to open contact with ministers. Rumour has it that Mr Haughey has made such contact. Without giving in, or conceding a major principle, surely something can be done to bring elected Unionists to the political table. Unless the Unionist politicians have a role, then the Loyalist paramilitaries will take over.

The resurgence of paramilitary action should also show nationalists and republican opinion that the Loyalist/Unionists are a major force and that they have to be taken into account. Belfast is more important than London.

Southern politicians quite understandably are often irritated by the constant concern "Brits" have with security and not politics. But in my view the security situation in Northern Ireland is deteriorating despite the work of a very much improved RUC. And it could all overspill into the south.

Through the Anglo-Irish Agreement or perhaps despite it, ministers north and south ought to be discussing security for the short and longer run. It is a far deeper discussion than cross-border co-operation. There is no easy political solution and there never will be: glib proposals or exaggerated claims for the Anglo-Irish Agreement, for example, only serve the political ego and add to the political instability of the north.

The Sunningdale Agreement in 1973 sounded fine in stockbroker England, but it broke the old Unionist Party and provoked the Ulster workers' strike. Political discussion must take place between north and south, but nothing grandiose, please.

What matters now, in the aftermath of the cemetery massacre, is to see that its effects are limited. It is in Northern Ireland that violence is endemic: politicians speaking from the safety of London or Dublin should not forget it.

The author, Labour MP for Morley and Leeds South, was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland from 1974 to 1976.

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

Workers who won't

Nigel Lawson isn't renowned for his finely developed sense of social justice. Nor does he exhibit a soft spot for the poor and under-privileged. He probably believes most of them to be workshy, good for nothing. If only they attempted to help themselves, he probably reasons, instead of wallowing in idleness, they could all enlist in his enterprising and successful economy.

This patronizing view of what is now called the underclass is partly responsible for the contempt which he and the Government constantly display towards the unemployed and low-paid. But it is only partly the cause. To be fair to him and to the DHSS ministers currently recasting the social security system, the behaviour of some claimants has fuelled the Tory odium.

There is now a firmly established welfarist culture among sizeable sections of the community. It permeates all social classes and is evident in all age groups. It is particularly noticeable in the North, where a generation has grown up dependent on state benefits. Its members' entire income and everything they possess has been given to them. They're Mrs Thatcher's children, many of them. They're her creation, or at least it has been during her premiership that they have left school, come to maturity, got married and had children, and all the while on the dole. They know no other life, no other values. They weren't born with a hand-out, welfarist, mentality. They acquired it through necessity, experience and example.

This new way of life has developed its own norms, expectations and mores. It is not, for example, a cause of shame, as it used to be just 10 years ago, to be unemployed and unable to keep one's family. That may have been an unreasonable response. There shouldn't, after all, be any dishonour in involuntary unemployment. But that attitude is preferable to the arrogant justification so many offer today for actually choosing to be unemployed. Thus many young people can be heard loudly insisting that they will not take jobs that are boring, repetitive, dirty or involve unsocial hours. The 16-18-year-olds refusing to go on YTS are but one obvious example of this trend.

No one denies them the right not to work — though we can have views on the morality of the choice. It is their decision. But then they must live with its consequences. One of them is that they should receive no help from those who are neither too fickle nor irresponsible nor lazy to take the dirty, boring and repetitive jobs. Yet they expect — no, demand — to be handed state benefits, and at good rates.

It's not just the young unemployed who assert the right to be kept by their working compatriots. So also do many of the new generation of one-parent families who vocally insist on their right for a council house, to have its rent paid and for their total income and the entire contents of the house to be provided courtesy of the Giro cheque. Their demands are couched in terms that suggest that the working population has a moral obligation towards them rather than that they should be responsible for their own lives.

Yes, of course, a civilized society must look after those who cannot help themselves. But it has no duty to those who won't. I have certainly never read in any bible nor heard in any sermon that the hard-working members of the community have to tend to the needs of the lazy and feckless. It's definitely no part of any socialist ethic. Quite the opposite. Socialism, as befits such a noble ideal, demands of its citizens that they contribute to society according to their abilities not take from it according to their whims.

Yet the irony of all this is that the rest of us are being made to feel guilty for not keeping these individuals in the manner which they have learnt to demand. Even the otherwise prudent and respectable elderly have been infected by the welfarist disease. You see it in the lamentations of those who have saved for their old age only to learn that benefits will not be paid to those with savings in excess of £6,000. Instead of complaining, shouldn't they be proud that they do not have to depend on the state, that they have instead a dignified independence?

It's this grasping attitude and abuse, exhibited as well by middle-class students receiving the dole during their vacation, that has led to the restrictions on the payment of social security. The blame must be laid at the feet of the greedy as well as attributed to the insensitivity of Nigel Lawson.

● In my column of December 26, 1987, I wrote of General Sir John Hackett, former C in C of the Army of the Rhine, being astonished on *Kilroy!* when an ex-soldier said: "Don't tell me to shut up, general. I'm not in the Army now." My memory was not precisely accurate. What the ex-soldier actually said in response to Sir John's "Just let me speak for a moment and don't shout so much" was: "Don't tell me that. I'm a civilian now."

SCIENCE REPORT

Death in the sun

Washington

The theory that the dinosaurs and many other species became extinct as a consequence of the impact of a comet on the Earth has been further elaborated at a conference on lunar and planetary science at Houston yesterday.

John D. O'Keefe and Thomas J. Ahrens of the California Institute of Technology acknowledged that the short-term effect of a comet striking the Earth would be to throw up dust that would have blocked out the Sun, causing surface temperatures to fall. But they say a longer-term effect would be to raise the Earth's temperature by as much as 20C, killing off many plant and animal species.

The collision hypothesis for the extinction of the dinosaurs and other species was first proposed in 1980 by the Nobel laureate, Luis Alvarez. Crucial among the supporting evidence was the puzzling abundance of the rare element iridium in rocks from 65 million years ago. Iridium is more abundant in meteorites and other interplanetary flotsam than in the rocks of the Earth.

The impact of a comet would have created a dust cloud, shutting out the Sun's rays and suppressing photosynthesis, without which plants die. The fossils record shows that many plant species did indeed die out around that time. But the dust would stay in the atmosphere for only a few years, not long enough to cause the widespread extinction now recognized.

O'Keefe and Ahrens, who accept the collision hypothesis, argued at Houston that an impact on carbonate-rich rock would have released huge amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. They estimate that an asteroid 15 miles in diameter would have released enough carbon dioxide to double the normal atmospheric content.

Paul Bryant

Because carbon dioxide is one of the so-called greenhouse gases, holding back heat normally radiated into space, the surface temperature of the Earth would soon increase. O'Keefe and Ahrens say that a 15-mile-diameter asteroid colliding with carbonate-rich rock would pump enough carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to increase the temperature by about 5C in just 10 days. One five times as large would bring a 100-fold increase and raise global temperatures by 20C. In each case, the increased temperature could persist for 10,000 years.

O'Keefe and Ahrens base their argument in part on experiments in the basement of the Caltech geophysics laboratory, where two naval gun-barrels are welded together into a 60ft tube. This device is used to fire projectiles at various types of rock to see which gases are given off.

A related theory appeared in *Nature* last week, where Michael Rampino and Tyler Volk of New York University argued that an asteroid impact would cause widespread death of certain marine plankton which normally produce the chemical dimethyl sulphide, believed to be necessary for cloud formation over the oceans.

With fewer clouds, more sunlight would reach the Earth's surface, producing a worldwide increase of temperature of up to 6C, according to Rampino and Volk. And that disruption of life among the lowest organisms would have been enough to spell the end of the larger terrestrial animals, notably the dinosaurs.

The idea that an increase of the Earth's surface temperature might have been the proximate cause of the mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous Period 65 million years ago is an interesting throwback to older theories. Classical geologists have long remarked on increased temperatures spanning the transition to the Tertiary Period that followed.

JOSEPH PALCA

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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THE STURDY POUND

The decision to reduce interest rates by half a percentage point to control the rise in the exchange rate confirms that the Government's exchange rate policy is alive and well. As the pound is now the only solid anchor for monetary policy, this is reassuring.

In the fortnight since the pound was "uncapped", there has been unnecessary doubt about what government policy was. The greater the degree of discretion in policy, the heavier the responsibility on the Government to explain what it is doing and avoid any misunderstanding. Instead, the Chancellor and the Prime Minister appeared at odds on fundamental issues.

The argument now appears to have been resolved by yesterday's cut in rates. The Chancellor has enjoined the markets to watch what the authorities do rather than what they say. Since the Budget, the Bank of England has intervened to restrain the pound as it approached DM3.10 and then yesterday cut its dealing rate when the rate threatened to climb still higher. On the evidence of the last couple of days we must conclude that the top of the band within which the Chancellor wants to keep the pound has been raised from DM3 to around DM3.10.

The rise in the exchange rate band has effectively tightened monetary policy, enabling the Prime Minister to claim in the Commons with some justification that the move was consistent with the concern she expressed last week about inflation. A 3 per cent rise in the pound will help curb consumer spending a little and should cut the inflation rate within the next 12 months. It will also send a strong signal to employers to limit pay increases. In addition, the renewed attempt to control the exchange rate reaffirms the importance of the pound as a monetary indicator in the Government's scheme of things.

Interest rates may well have to fluctuate further in coming months to keep the pound roughly where it is. Fixing both interest rates and exchange rates is impossible. But short-term changes in the cost of money are less disruptive to industry than fluctuations in the exchange rate.

The remaining question is whether Mr Lawson has tightened policy enough. This does not seem to trouble foreign holders of sterling who have greeted plans for a further Budget surplus of £3 billion in the coming financial year as impressive testimony to the strength of public finances in Britain. But continuing evidence of buoyant demand in the economy and the size of the Budget tax cuts have left the gilt-edged market uneasy about the cut in rates.

Interest rates may have to rise again later in the year. Although unit costs in industry have grown only slowly in recent months, and actually fell in January, the balance of payments deficit is expected to worsen sharply, which will tend to undermine the pound. Most forecasters still expect sterling to be weaker by the end of the year, implying higher interest rates if the Chancellor wants to keep the pound where it is.

If rates do have to rise that must be accepted as part of running an exchange rate policy. Running an exchange rate policy is not a panacea, whether it is an informal one such as Mr Lawson's or a more explicit commitment such as full membership of the European Monetary System. If it is to be of any use, it must exercise a discipline on government policy and through that on the economy. Inflation cannot be squeezed out of the system without pain. For the time being, however, the important thing is to be reassured of the rules under which the Government is playing. After yesterday's move these are now a little clearer.

THE SHADOW OF THE CONTRAS

The shadow of Central America looks set to fall across the last year of President Reagan's presidency in much the same way as the shadow of Iran darkened President Carter's last months. The announcement that Admiral Poindexter, Colonel North and others involved in the arms-for-Iran affair had been indicted by a grand jury on charges of fraud and conspiracy, was followed within hours by confirmation that President Reagan had ordered the dispatch of more than 3,000 US troops to Honduras. The two developments will combine to dictate an agenda for the presidential election campaign which neither Republicans nor Democrats will necessarily welcome.

According to available information, the United States has supplied troops, at the request of Honduras, to provide training and support for the Honduran armed forces. Honduras will thus be enabled to concentrate its own forces on repelling incursions from the Nicaraguan Sandinista forces. The incursions and the need for support, however, can be seen in part as a consequence of recent US policies.

The Congress vote last month to suspend aid to the Contras, coupled with the provisions of President Arias's Central American peace plan – now supported in principle by the United States – has encouraged the Contras to move themselves and their supplies back into Nicaragua. Those same factors, however, have encouraged the Sandinistas to exploit the Contras' weakness.

So long as US troops are in Honduras, the question of whether they should be there will be the subject of political debate. Partly it will be conducted in terms of the rights and wrongs of involvement in a regional conflict abroad. Although fading gradually, memories of the Vietnam war are still vivid enough to arouse fear on the political left. At the same time, the cause of combating communism can still bring in additional votes from the right, despite the presentational success of Mr Gorbachov's diplomacy.

The charges now laid against the prime players in the arms-for-Iran affair will only sharpen the debate. Just as President Reagan appeared to have laid the ghost of ultimate responsibility for the diversion of money from Iran to the Contras without the knowledge or approval of Congress, it has returned to haunt him. This time, however, it will haunt not only him, but the man who would succeed him – his Vice-President, Mr George Bush.

If President Reagan's former National Security Adviser and his assistant stand trial, the questions that the Vice-President has so far parried will start to be posed with more urgency. How much did he know about the scheme to by-pass Congress, and if he knew nothing – was he doing his job properly?

With sweeping victories in the primary elections behind him, Mr Bush looks assured of the Republican nomination for President. So far, he has capitalized both on his experience of high political office and on his loyalty to President Reagan. By November, however, his candidacy – and the ease with which he won it – may seem a liability. The arms-for-Iran affair is one of the few things that could frustrate Republican hopes of retaining the presidency.

Some may feel that allowing Colonel North in particular to stand trial would be a trump card for the Republicans. Previous attempts to discredit him – before and during the Congressional hearings – succeeded only in establishing him as a model American patriot and upholder of the family, whose only crime was to do his duty. If he can convince a jury – and his powers of persuasion are formidable – that he derived no personal advantage from the arrangements made to transfer Iranian money to Nicaraguan Contras, his testimony could be a valuable political asset.

It would be better for all concerned if the trial – if there is to be one – were shorn so far as possible of political significance; this means that it should be held after the November election. An alternative would be for President Reagan to exercise his prerogative of pardon, but this would allow Democrats to talk of a cover-up. The time for a pardon, if at all, is after November. By this time, the new President will have been elected and President Reagan can argue that his successor deserves to start with a clean slate. If that successor is Mr. Bush, however, a few marks will still remain.

A NEW ISLAMIC REPUBLIC?

President Ershad's struggle to gain popular support for the power he seized six years ago this month has taken a dramatic, if desperate, turn. His original strategy was to secure a mandate through controlled elections, but the most recent of such elections – on March 3 – failed to give him the credibility he sought. The opposition boycotted the polls and the turnout was low.

Now, the President has announced his intention of amending the Bangladeshi Constitution to make it an Islamic state conforming to Sharia law. Although there are no details of how this will be done and what it will mean, people will probably welcome it. More than 80 per cent of Bangladeshis are Muslim, most of them Sunni. They are close to their religion, and Islam has never recognized the separation of religion and state which is common in Western democracies. Whether this appeal to people's Islamic identity will bring President Ershad the credibility he has failed to win – either through personal authority or through elections, however, must be doubtful.

He may have looked for a model to General Zia in Pakistan. By presenting himself as a simple man of the faith, the General secured the support of some of the religious parties and obtained a partial mandate to continue as President. As a result, the Pakistan opposition has had to steer a difficult course between opposing the President and respecting Islam. That, by itself, has helped to keep General Zia in power for almost 11 years.

Bangladesh, however, is not Pakistan, and President Ershad's scheme goes against the grain of his country's history and character. Pakistan (which at the time included Bangladesh as its eastern province) was created as a separate state for Muslims in the subcontinent. Islam was its *raison d'être*, so that when General Zia established his Islamic state he was doing little more than giving formal constitutional expression to the popular ideal.

Bangladesh, on the other hand, broke with Pakistan because Islam was not sufficient to maintain the tenuous links between the two halves of a geographically divided country. For Bangladeshis, Bengali identity has historically taken precedence over religion. The civil war of 1971 was fought over this issue – which is why, after independence, the country adopted a secular constitution and why religion has never been a serious political issue.

Religion is widely recognized as a personal matter in Bangladesh. Fanaticism is absent and fundamentalism very limited. Because Islam was never threatened, it never created the ideological constituency which might now grasp the Ershad offer. Moreover, the cultural identity of Bangladesh is intertwined with Bengali art, music and poetry. These guide Bangladeshis towards their Bengali Hindu brethren in India, with whom they share the inheritance of Tagore and Ray. For them, Calcutta is as important as Mecca.

President Ershad's plan is likely to have as mixed a reception abroad as at home. Bangladesh's largest neighbour, India, will probably be dismayed at the emergence of a new Islamic neighbour, while some Arab countries may be encouraged to offer much-needed economic aid. What President Ershad's plan will not bring, however, is the one thing he most desires: the popular mandate that would make his rule legitimate. The most he can probably hope for is to win some respite in his struggle to survive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Glasnost' as a two-way process

From the Editor-in-Chief of Soviet Weekly

Sir, Lately the Russian bear seems to have been getting quite a few mentions from certain politicians and the media in Britain. Allow me to use the image once again, and recall the Russian saying: "A bear fell on the man's ear".

We use this figure of speech in reference to people who are tone-deaf, unable to reproduce even the simplest melody or distinguish between a false and a true note. It seems strange that such people should want to become music critics – the thought occurred to me as I was reading Bernard Levin's article, "Inside the pussy cat's parlour" (March 14).

Mr Levin seems to be totally unable to reconcile himself to the fact that other people – in this case a group of British schoolchildren whose ears have not been spoilt by the propagandist cacophony of the cold war and the recent pre-*perestroika* period – see, hear and perceive what is happening in the Soviet Union in a different way from himself.

As he sat down to write his article, Mr Levin apparently recalled the old biblical saying that "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings comes forth truth". So from the heights of his "adult wisdom" he decided to utter another long anti-Soviet imprecation.

Frankly, I cannot imagine any Soviet publication – after the schoolchildren from Vladimir have been to see their friends in Kent – saying anything like this: "All right, youngsters, you were warmly received in Britain, but don't you forget they have three million unemployed there, that their homeless have to sleep under bridges, and that their special service agents shoot at people a long way from Britain if they suspect them of being terrorists".

Mr Levin seems not to like the fact that some young people of both countries have done what even adults often cannot do. They cast off stereotypes and prejudices, which to me explains why your correspondent has dared accuse the Soviet people of "false kindness". I shall not attempt to refute this accusation, since I am sure that nobody will give it credence.

As for the prejudices that keep Mr Levin's mind in bondage, I think it would be in place here to quote William Hazlitt, my favourite English essayist. Many years ago he wrote: "Prejudice, in its ordinary and literal sense, is prejudging any question without having sufficiently examined it, and adhering to our opinion upon it through ignorance, malice, or perversity, in spite of every evidence to the contrary" (*On Prejudice*).

I do not think this formulation could be bettered.

Yours sincerely,
VICTOR ORLIK,
Editor-in-Chief,
Soviet Weekly,
3 Rosary Gardens, SW7.
March 16.

From the Headmaster of Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, Canterbury

Sir, As one of the headteachers accompanying the recent visit to School No 23 in Vladimir, I should like to respond to Mr Levin's dismissal of our young people's reception and experiences of the Simon Langton Grammar School for Girls.

This exchange – the first of its kind from this country – is a "joint" initiative between this school and the Simon Langton Grammar School for Girls. In addition to the Girls' School's long involvement in active international links, the exchange relied heavily on the Boys' School's specific expertise in the teaching of Russian, regular visits to the USSR, teacher exchange and links with Moscow schools.

Our young people are not as naive as Mr Levin's article appears to imply; they share concern at the heartrendingly difficult situation of many individuals, suffering in many countries, including Vasili Shipilov. In all our schools there is evidence of passionate concern for personal freedom, for justice and suffering: this is expressed not only in support for individuals and causes from Amnesty International to famine relief, but also in terms of personal service at home and overseas.

Our visit was arranged with unprecedented helpfulness by Russian officialdom at embassy, government and school level; the warmth and spontaneity of the Russian pupils and families in very cramped accommodation could not have been greater – or, more to the point, simulated. There was also a mature sense of humour, the expression "trust but verify" being relished in a very English way.

In our conversations with all manner of people, including representatives of local and regional government, we met with readiness, indeed courage, to discuss openly the implications and potential of "openness" and "restructuring" – mixed with a real anxiety at being in uncharted water.

It would seem a grave dereliction to dismiss, even in the avuncular tone adopted by Mr Levin, the genuine warmth and mutual liking of 40 pupils and sets of families, or in any way to discourage the many other schools who are attempting to follow our lead.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HARRIS, Headmaster,
Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys,
Nackington Road,
Canterbury, Kent.
March 14.

From the Rev Dr Richard Rodgers

Sir, I am the "daft bugger" to whom Bernard Levin (affectionately) alludes. I am the English priest who is keeping a bread and water vigil in the porch of St Martin-in-the-Fields in a "cell" for the 46 days of Lent for a Russian priest, Vasili Shipilov, who had been in detention of one sort or another for 47 years.

I welcome Mr Levin's article warmly. Many people have telephoned me in my cell on the number which he gave. All but one or two have been very encouraging.

I would, however, like to convey to readers that I eschew any desire to be anti-Soviet or right-wing. From what I can see of Mr Gorbachov's new way of working, I highly applaud him. He is bringing fresh air into Soviet life and needs a great deal of wisdom in the coming weeks for which we should pray.

Yours,
DICK RODGERS,
The "Cell", The North Porch,
St Martin-in-the-Fields,
Trafalgar Square, WC2.
March 15.

Plight of women on jobs market

From Lady Plowden

Sir, The statement from the CBI director of employment affairs (quoted in *The Times*, March 12) is most welcome – "It makes sense for businesses to offer highly-skilled women the chance of returning to their job after pregnancy".

But what of the women who, in their early adult years, may have worked at average jobs but whose embryonic skills were then devoted to caring for their children in their early years; or, indeed, those young women who never work but marry early, and the many single parents.

The recent document issued by the Department of Employment, *Training for Employment*, refers to women as if they had special defects – they are among those for whom the Government proposes to make special provision, together with "unemployed people with disabilities, ex-servicemen and ex-offenders"!

For the majority of women with younger children this new, major programme is not applicable for it relates only to those who have been unemployed for periods first of six months, and later for longer. To be registered as unemployed a person has to be available for work. Women with younger children, unless they can make arrangements for the care of their children, cannot be available for work. They will find it hard to pay for the care of their children until they find work.

If a woman can get herself on to the programme she can then qualify for up to £50 each week to pay for this care. It is a chicken-and-egg situation. She cannot register as unemployed; she therefore cannot get training; therefore she cannot earn enough to pay for the care of her children or make the contribution to the economy which trained women are as able to make as trained men.

Nevertheless,in September, I believe, this new, much-publicised total scheme of training will start. Must women with younger children still continue to be disadvantaged compared to men and denied the training which would enable them, in their average longer life, to make their proper contribution to the economy and to find their own satisfaction in so doing?

Yours faithfully,
BRIDGET PLOWDEN,
(*Chairman*, Area Managing Board, London North, Manpower Services Commission),
11 Abingdon Gardens,
40 Abingdon Villas, W8.
March 14.

Common currency

From Mr D. F. J. Leeson

Sir, It remains a mystery why John Browne should suggest (March 4) naming any future single European currency the Karl, after Charlemagne. Setting aside the historical inaccuracy of his claim that Charlemagne was the first great unifier of Europe, there is no reason why the German version of his name should be selected.

Should Mr Browne take the trouble to consult any documents of the period, he will discover that Charles is always referred to by the Latin "*Carolus*". Moreover, as another Charles, the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, remarked, "To God I speak Spanish, to women Italian, to men French, and to my horse – German".

Yours faithfully,
D. F. J. LEESON,
25 Churchfield Road,
Ealing, W13.

Battle of Jutland

From Mr I. H. Stout

Sir, It was not Admiral Beatty's duty at the Battle of Jutland "to avoid losing the war while winning the battle" (leading article, March 16).

Churchill's comment – which was probably what your leader writer had in mind – referred to "the only man on either side who could lose the war in an afternoon." But he was speaking of Admiral Jellicoe, not Beatty.

An ignorance of an illustrious maritime heritage is not permissible, Sir, just because you are writing in an euphoric state about an inegalitarian Budget that is not consonant with the wishes of the people.

Yours faithfully,
I. H. STOUT,
15 Abbotts Park Road, E10.
March 16.

Walton biography

From Dr Elisabeth Legge-Schwarzkopf

Sir, My attention has recently been drawn to the extract which you published on December 30, 1987, from *Behind the Facade*, Lady Walton's biography of her husband, Sir William Walton.

Lady Walton's subtle talent for damning with faint praise is a strong current running through the article. I am particularly outraged, however, by her assertion that when Sir William insisted on conducting a recording of *Belshazzar's Feast* against the advice of my late husband, Walter Legge, Walter "took his revenge by not paying him a fee".

What nonsense! This was an EMI recording and obviously all fees for recording artists were and are paid by the company concerned direct to the artists taking part.

Yours truly,
ELISABETH LEGGE-SCHWARZKOPF,
Rebhusstrasse 29,
CH-8126 Zumikon,
Switzerland.

Lateral thinking

From Mr Graham Chainey

Sir, In round 17 (March 12) of your "Tournament of the Mind", supposedly a test of intelligence, you refer to a bath, one tap of which takes 1 hour 40 minutes to fill it, the other tap 3 hours 32 minutes, and which, with the taps turned off, takes 2 hours 23 minutes to drain. You require us to calculate "to the nearest second" the bath's total filling time with both taps on but with the plug out.

Does one earn bonus marks for suggesting that the owner of this bath instead summon a plumber?

Yours to the nearest IQ factor,
GRAHAM CHAINEY,
48 St Barnabas Road,
Cambridge.

From Mr Michael B. Fletcher

Sir, If the Mensa people are tired of filling that bath (and I have to say that their plumbing seems to need attention) they might like to consider the following genuine problem which happened this morning.

In the kitchen are two electric clocks, one conventional dial and one digital. If (when) there is a power cut they both stop, but on re-connection the digital one resets to 00.00. At midnight they were both correct. When I came down to the kitchen this morning at 8 o'clock, the digital clock showed 05.00 and the conventional one 6 o'clock. When, and for how long, was the interruption of supply that I should report to the Electricity Board?

The student may ignore the fact that the house was cold and there was no hot water.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FLETCHER,
Saillards,
Underhill Lane,
Ditchling, Hassocks,
West Sussex.
March 14.

From Prebendary Hayes Treen

Sir, Only a fool will try to fill a bath with the plug out!

It is good to be reminded by "Tournament of the Mind", round 17, that intelligence is no substitute for wisdom.

Yours faithfully,
HAYES TREEN,
13 The Leat,
Bishops Lydeard,
Taunton, Somerset.

Unequal treatment

From Mrs Sheila Forster-Lees

Sir, Last year I was admitted to an NHS hospital. After four hours of waiting in a draughty area with four other women, all dressed in night clothes, two of us were allocated beds, and the other three were told to come back the following week.

In spite of my informing the hospital in advance that I was vegetarian, the only food available to me at three meals was omelette.

There were two trained nurses and two students for a ward of 22 ladies. The final straw came when I asked the surgeon about the operation, and was told, "Don't worry your little head about it".

Today, my husband had a minor operation at a private hospital to avoid waiting any longer. We were both treated with extreme courtesy throughout the time we were there; explanations were clearly given about the procedures and we felt treated as people, not just as bed occupants.

The irony behind all this is that I work in the NHS – but comparing the two experiences now makes it difficult for me to commit my own health-care to the NHS. Harder still now will it be to encourage other people's loyalty to a system which is underfunded, understaffed and having to skimp on patient care.

Yours,
SHEILA FORSTER-LEES,
(Community psychiatric nurse),
50 St Georges Road,
Deal, Kent.
March 11.

Crossed lines

From Mr John Vernon

Sir, I hope I can offer a solution to the poor people who suffer the intrusion of a confused fax machine constantly phoning their homes (letter, March 15). Borrow another fax machine!

Set it up at home. Wait for the offending call, and watch with glee as revealing, in due course, at the top of the transmitted document, the telephone number of the sources.

Then, take pen to paper and via your borrowed fax, send a message back! That should stop it.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN VERNON,
49 Elmsleigh Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
March 15.

From Mr P. M. A. Smeeth

Sir, The Gibberds could invest in an answerphone and set it so that the bell stops after two rings. They could then sleep on peacefully, knowing the beast has something to ping in to.

Yours sincerely,
P. M. A. SMEETH,
8 Twinoaks,
Cobham, Surrey.
March 15.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 18 1904

The Duke of Cambridge (1819-1904), Commander-in-Chief of the Army for nearly 40 years, was widely acknowledged to be opposed to change in the Service. It was something the leader writer could not ignore in an otherwise sympathetic tribute to a cousin of Queen Victoria

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[DEATH OF A ROYAL DUKE]

The death of the DUKE of CAMBRIDGE, which it is our melancholy duty to record today, will arouse throughout the country a feeling of deep and genuine regret. It will no less call forth warm sympathy with the KING and the Royal Family, whose sympathy with the sorrows of the nation is always spontaneous and sincere. To these feelings expression was given yesterday in both House of Parliament on behalf of both parties in the State; while the LORD MAYOR added the tribute of the City of London, with which the DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE was long connected by peculiar ties, and in which his personal qualities made him universally popular. To the great majority of those now living he was an institution. Their memory does not extend to a time in which he was not a conspicuous personality in our public life. For all such his death is the removal of a familiar landmark; it makes a gap in their mental picture of their time and in the general scheme of their associations, and it sounds a graver chord of personal emotion than a more intimate personal knowledge less deeply rooted in their experience. For nearly forty years the DUKE of CAMBRIDGE was Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, the embodiment of military authority to generations of soldiers, and the most conspicuous representative of the Army in the eyes of the nation. That great office, filled by him in a manner which commanded unbounded popularity in the Army, alone sufficed to give him a very prominent place in the national life of his time. But he was much more than a soldier, and he established claims upon the sympathy and regard of the country by the unfailing zeal and the remarkable success with which he promoted social and philanthropic movements far removed from the military sphere. With the sure instinct which belongs to the Royal Family he avoided everything of a partial or sectarian character, but in the numerous movements in which no distinctions of class or party are recognized he was always a willing and most effective helper. When money was needed for any purpose of general benevolence no one was in greater request than the DUKE of CAMBRIDGE, nor could any one more persuasively advocate its claims. His success was no doubt due in part to his exalted rank and distinguished position; but it was also due to an even greater extent to the simplicity and probity of his character, to the felicity with which he said the right thing in the right way, and to his possession of the natural art without which all oratory is cold and ineffective – the art of getting upon good terms with his audience.

It was perhaps the misfortune of the DUKE of CAMBRIDGE that he was at the head of an unprogressive army, an army exceedingly conservative in its ideas, and wanting in the experience of actual war which would have stimulated it to efforts to understand and keep abreast of modern developments. Had the Army been permeated by a different spirit, he would have reflected that spirit just as faithfully as the one he actually found. But he lacked the imagination needed to make an active reformer. To him the thing that existed was a part of the order of nature, and he was incapable of conceiving how any new thing could work at all.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 17: Mr A.E. Donald was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenitpotentiary at Peking.

Mrs Donald had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Ernst Gombrich had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit.

Dr Max Perutz had the honour of being received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Member of the Order of Merit.

Sir Edward Ford (Secretary and Registrar of the Order of Merit) was in attendance.

The Queen honoured the Officers of the Guard of the First Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess, St James's Palace.

Her Majesty was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Lieutenant-General Sir Patrick Palmer) and the Captian of the Guard (Major Niall MacGregor-Smith).

The Hon Mary Morrison and Mr Robert Fellowes were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a reception to mark the Bicentenary of the Linnean Society of London at Burlington House.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by the President (Professor W.G. Chaloner) and the Executive Secretary (Commander J.H. Fiddian-Green) of the Society.

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, this morning attended a Trustees Meeting at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

The Princess Royal this morning visited the Bristol Central Office of the International Centre for Child Studies at Ashley Down House, 16 Cotham Park, Bristol.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt) and the Director of the Centre (Professor N. Butler).

The Princess Royal subsequently opened the new Sight and Sound Training Centre, Bristol College, Northcliffe House, Colston Avenue, Bristol, where Her Royal Highness was received by the General Manager, Sight and Sound (Mr M. Pope-Gilbert).

Mrs Richard Carew-Pole was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Lord Hesketh (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Monsieur Rene Massigli (formerly French Ambassador to the Court of st James's) which was held in the French Protestant Church, Soho Square, London, W1, today.

Her Majesty was represented by Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, (Equerry to The Queen) at the Funeral of Major Hugh Lindsay (formerly Equerry to The Queen) which took place in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Major Rowan Jackson, RM.

The Duke and Duchess of York, The Prince Edward and the Princess Royal were also present.

CLARENCE HOUSE
March 17: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning presented Shamrock to the Irish Guards at Chelsea Barracks on the occasion of St Patrick's Day.

Lady Angela Oswald, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain Niall Hall were in attendance.

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for Monsieur Rene Massigli which was held in the French Protestant Church, Soho Square, today.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Alastair Aird at the Funeral of Major Hugh Lindsay which took place in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 17: The Princess of Wales this morning at Kensington Palace received Sir David Lumsden (Principal) and Mr John Bliss (Administrator) of the Royal Academy of Music.

The Prince and Princess of Wales this afternoon attended the Funeral of Major Hugh Lindsay which took place in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Viscount Linley at the Funeral of Major Hugh Lindsay which took place in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 17: The Duke of Gloucester this afternoon attended the Funeral of Major Hugh Lindsay which took place in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst.

The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened the new Waterlow Building at South Hampstead High School, 3 Maresfield Gardens, London, NW3.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 17: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited the CEBIT '88 Hanover Fair, West Germany.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, today received Lieutenant-Colonel R.I. Talbot on assuming command of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and Lieutenant-Colonel C.D. Daukes on relinquishing the appointment.

National Westminster Bank PLC

NatWest announces that
with effect from and including
Thursday 17th March 1988
its Base Rate
is decreased from
9.00% to 8.50% per annum.

All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate of interest linked to NatWest Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

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Coutts & Co. announce that their
Base Rate is reduced from
9.00% to 8.50% per annum with effect
from the 17th March, 1988
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All facilities (including regulated consumer credit agreements) with a rate linked to Coutts Base Rate will be varied accordingly.

The Deposit Rates on monies subject
to seven days' notice of withdrawal
are as follows:—

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2.50% per annum Net (the Gross Equivalent
of which is 3.42% per annum to
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interest is paid half-yearly in
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Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. Peltz
and the Hon Elizabeth Wolfson
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Dr and Mrs Sam Peltz, of London, W1, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Wolfson, of Marylebone.

Mr P.E. Booth-Clibborn
and Miss K.M. Kee
The engagement is announced between Patrick Edward, second son of Mr Edward Booth-Clibborn and Mrs Dawn Booth-Clibborn, both of London, and Karen Mary, youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs William Kee, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

M Y. Carakehian
and Princess Julia Lubomirska
The engagement is announced between Yves, elder son of M and Mme Haig Carakehian, of Brussels, Belgium, and Julia, youngest daughter of Princess Marek Lubomirski and the late Prince Marek Lubomirski, of Ecuires, Montreuil sur Mer, France.

Mr M.N.P. Cornell
and Miss A.L. Sargeantson
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Dr and Mrs S.P. Cornell, of Higham, Kent, and Anna, only daughter of the late Mr Roderick Sargeantson and of Mrs Rosemary Sargeantson, of Stanton St John, Oxford.

Mr P.S. Dangerfield
and Miss S.C. Humphreys
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of the late Mr Frank Dangerfield and of Mrs Dangerfield, and Sarah, elder daughter of Major and Mrs Roger Humphreys.

Mr P.J. Davies
and Miss C. Blennerhassett
The engagement is announced between Peter John, second son of the Rev P. R. and Mrs Davies, of Dale, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.S.R. Blennerhassett, of Dublin.

Mr D. Eliot
and Miss M.J. Heneke
The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of the late Mr Peter Eliot and of Mrs Jenny Eliot, of Amersham, and Melanie, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Paul Michael Heneke, of Cape Town.

Mr W. Feeny
and Miss S. Langford Holt
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs P.J. Feeny, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Sally, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Langford Holt, of Stoney Stratton, Somerset.

Mr A.P. Galitzine
and Miss R.G. Butter
The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of Prince George Galitzine, of Eaton Square, London, and of Mrs Anne-Marie Ponsonby, of Stowmarket, Suffolk, and Rohays, younger daughter of Major and Mrs David Butter, of Pitlochry, Scotland.

Mr J.J. Hooton
and Miss J.J. Power
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Hooton, of Gibbet Oak, Tenterden, Kent, and Jenny elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John S. Power, of Lisvane, Cardiff.

Mr J.F. Irvine
and Miss D. Danker
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mrs Kate Irvine and the late Mr Winton Irvine, of Lower Ufford, Suffolk, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Danker, of Singapore.

Mr T.J.B. Kelly
and Miss F.M. McDowall
The engagement is announced between Thomas, only son of Mr James Kelly and Mrs Nigel Mermagen, of 25 Remington Street, London N1, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth McDowall, of Girdstingwood, Dundrennan, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Mr D.H. Plumer
and Miss A.J. Roux
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs F.C. Plumer, of Baslow, Derbyshire, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Roux, of Plummers Plain, Sussex.

Mr J.C. Robson
and Miss A.S. Chapman
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs D.C. Robson, of Chawton, Hampshire, and Angela, eldest daughter of Mr R.N. Chapman, of Dorking, Surrey, and Mrs D. Hughes, of Great Bookham, Surrey.

Mr D.M. Sanders
and Miss K.I. Barker
The engagement is announced between Daman, only son of Mr D. Sanders, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs R. Sanders, of Stokenham, Devon, and Katherine, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Basil Barker, of Javea, Spain.

Mr N.C. Sanquest
and Miss M.T. Thariyan
The engagement is announced between Nick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Sanquest, of Cork, and Maria, eldest daughter of Mr T.F. Thariyan, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Mr R.M. White
and Miss K.I. Brandon
The engagement is announced between Richard Mark, youngest son of Captain and Mrs R.T. White, of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent, and Kathryn, daughter of the late Judge K.R. Brandon and Mrs Brandon, of London.

Mr A.T.B. Whitehouse
and Miss S.A. Norman
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs B.P. Whitehouse, of Guildford, and Sarah, third daughter of Canon and Mrs W.B. Norman, of King's Norton.

Four classical murals by Ricardo Cinnalli dominate the Londesborough Room at Alexandra Palace, north London, which was officially reopened yesterday as a commercial and entertainment centre. The building was destroyed by fire eight years ago (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Latest wills

Miss Elizabeth Constance **Bather**, of Nately Scures, Hampshire, former chief superintendent, Metropolitan Police, left estate valued at £315,052 net.

Mr Arthur Percival **Firth**, of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire, journalist, left estate valued at £67,176 net.

Mrs Phyllis **Armstrong**, of Baildon, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £488,830 net.

Mr Raymond Charles **White**, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £522,127 net.

Mrs Phyllis Evelyn **Bailey**, of Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £772,295 net.

Mr Richard **Gardner**, of Hammersmith, London, left estate valued at £775,047 net.

Ballard Berkeley

A memorial service for Ballard Berkeley, President of the Green Room Club, will be held on Monday, March 21, at noon at St Paul's Church, Covent Garden, WC2.

University news

Oxford
Elections
THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE
To an emeritus fellowship from July 1: B F McGuinness, BPhil, MA, fellow of the college 1954-88.
Laming junior fellowship from October 1: J Morrison, BA, Pembroke College; fellow commonership for 1988-89: Professor M D Atkinson, MA, DPhil, of Carleton University, Ottawa; Taberdarship from October 1: G M Slearn, BA, Queen's and Reigate GS; Firth scholarship from October 1: J N Tunnicliffe, BA, Queen's and Queen Elizabeth GS, Wakefield.

London
Jeremy Hamilton-Miller, reader in medical microbiology at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, has been appointed to a personal chair in medical microbiology.

Wales
Dr Ken Booth, reader in the department of international politics at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Dr Robin Stowell, senior lecturer in the department of music at University College, Cardiff, have been granted personal chairs.

Dr K. C. James, senior lecturer in pharmacy at UWIST, to be promoted to reader from October 1.

Sussex
The following have been promoted to senior lecturer from October 1:

B C Bales (psychology); H England (social administration); Miss J S Rose (English); C Brooks (history); R N C Vance (English); Miss S Reynolds (French); N F West (education); M A Tribe (education and biology); N C Billingham (chemistry); A J Stace (chemistry); J D Edwards (applied sciences); J Ellis (mechanical and civil engineering); J D Barrow (astronomy) and C M Goldie (mathematics).

Barclays Bank
Base Rate.

Barclays Bank PLC and
Barclays Bank Trust
Company Limited
announce that with effect
from 17th March 1988
their Base Rate
decreased from 9% to 8½%

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Memorial service

M R. Massigli

The Queen was represented by Lord Hesketh and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat at a memorial service for M René Massigli held yesterday at the French Protestant Church, Soho Square.

Pasteur Pierre Simon officiated. M Emmanuel de Brosses, grandson, and Sir Edward Tomkins read the lessons. Pasteur Francois Dubois preached the homilly and the French Ambassador gave an address.

Mr Edward Heath, MP, and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff were present. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir Edwin Arrowsmith and the Permanent Under-Secretary of State and the Diplomatic Service by Sir Kenneth James. Lieutenant-General Sir John Richards, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, attended. Others present included:

Mme Massigli (widow), Countess de Brosses (daughter); the High Commissioner for Cyprus, Vicomtesse de La Barre de Nanteuil, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Earl of Selkirk, QC, and the Countess of Selkirk, the Earl of Bessborough, Viscount and Viscountess Camrose, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Inchyra, Lord Strabolgi, Lord Hartwell.

Lady Gladwyn, Lady Soames, Lady Duncan-Sandys, Lady Margaret Colville, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, and Lady Meyer, Sir Fitzroy and Lady Maclean, Sir Alan Campbell, Lady (Edgar) Bonham Carter, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker (Special Forces Club) and Lady Dodds-Parker, Lady (David) Kelly, Sir Reginald Hibbert, Sir Nicholas Henderson, Lady Russell, Mr David and Lady Pamela Hicks, Mr Frank and Lady Katharine Giles.

Baron and Baronne de Rothschild, Count and Countess de Guillaut, Count and Countess de la Marche, Baron and Baronne de Juniac, M and Mme George Rochiccioli, Mr Stanley Martin (Assistant Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps), Miss Irene Worth, Mr John de Laszlo, Colonel and Mrs Terence Maxwell, Mr Percy Grieve, QC, and Mrs Grieve, Mrs E Norman-Butler, Mr Charles Harding, Professor and Mrs Douglas Johnson, Mr Peter Coats, Mrs Charles Gimpel, Mme P Simon, Mrs Hamish Hamilton, Mrs John Sheffield, M Guy Fouchet, Mr James Hadley (chairman, Franco-British Society), M Yves de Saint-Do (headmaster, Lycee Francais Charles de Gaulle), M Miron Grindea (editor, *Adam*), M Francois Turmel (BBC French Service), Mr R W Lewis (RAF Escaping Society and RAF Tempsford Reunion Association) and Mme Martine Adamou (French Feminine Society).

Receptions

Lord Fairfax of Cameron
Lord Fairfax of Cameron gave a reception in the House of Lords last night to mark the centenary of the Incorporation of the United Kingdom Freight, Demurrage and Defence Association Limited. Among those present were past and present directors of the association and their ladies, representatives of the judiciary and of London maritime law firms, members of the Committee of the London Maritime Arbitrators' Association and representatives of Thomas Miller & Company and their ladies.

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals
Professor Sir Mark Richmond, Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, was host at a reception held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

Birthdays today

Major D.H. Butter, Lord Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, 68; Miss Lois Dyer, physiotherapist, 63; Mr Pat Eddery, jockey, 36; Sir William Fraser, civil servant, 59; Sir Peter Harrop, civil servant, 62; Mr Alex Higgins, snooker player, 39; Mr Patrick Kavanagh, former deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 65; Sir Robin McAlpine, former chairman, Sir Robert McAlpine and Sons, 82; Professor Sir Gordon Robson, anaesthetist, 67; Mr Alan Sapper, trades unionist, 57; Lord Strathspey, 76; Mr John Updike, writer, 57.

Keble College Oxford

The Warden and Fellows of Keble College, Oxford, invite old members and their families to a garden party to be held on Saturday, May 28, 1988 (eights week). Admission will be by numbered ticket only and applications should be made to the Bursar.

OBITUARY

MR HUGH CLIFFORD-WING

Traditional elegance in the post-war world

Mr Hugh Clifford-Wing, who has died at the age of 73, was a highly gifted interior decorator and designer who worked in the traditionally grand British manner, creating subtle and imaginative schemes which distilled the best of the past and adapted it to modern living.

His death marks the end of a line of successful decorators trained at Trollopes, the huge decorating establishment in Belgravia whose beginnings in 1778 led on to Royal Warrants from George IV and Queen Victoria and to the patronage of successive generations of royalty, aristocracy and the plain rich seeking to embellish their life-styles.

Hugh Vincent Clifford-Wing was born on May 5, 1914. His education was at Clifton College, Bristol — an experience he did not particularly relish — and then at Trollopes, where he began his working life at the age of 19.

The library at Trollopes extended back to its foundation and was a rich source of inspiration. The firm itself was experiencing the swansong of such establishments with their small armies of plasterers, carvers and upholsterers practising traditional skills on a huge scale. But most of the houses in Belgrave Square were still family-occupied and with their neighbours brought in a steady flow of customers.

The *working* motto of the firm, as Clifford-Wing liked to emphasize, was "Telephone Sloane 4511 — Day or Night" — and a simple plumbing job could lead to a lucrative and fascinating commission.

Attention to detail and the demands of the client played no small part in Clifford-Wing's later successes when he went into business on his own. It was also Trollopes' versatility in marrying antiques from their show-rooms with modern buildings or soft furnishings that showed him the way forward. Work on the great liners of the time was also important.

After Trollopes came a spell with "Rufus" in Mayfair owned by the redoubtable Madame Woyevodsky.

A man with an infectious sense of humour and great zest for life, Clifford-Wing had a fund of anecdotes about former jobs and clients, yet remained discreet. "*Very* difficult" was to be interpreted as a term of the deepest opprobrium for some monstrous client.

He was preferred by those who did not seek the limelight, such as British, Greek or Norwegian ship-owners, or owners of such houses as Glamis. A notable exception was Peter Sellers, an RAF friend.

Other work included the restoration of the Royal Palace in Athens after the war: no fabric was allowed to cost more than ten shillings a yard, and many of the windows had "show curtains" incapable of covering more than the edges of the windows. On the other hand, one London flat was on such a scale that the *Connoisseur Year Book* of 1958 featured it as the re-creation of a "Renaissance palazzo."

He produced outstanding work for the Royal Palace in Nepal.

The overall effect of a Clifford-Wing room was one of sophisticated elegance. He treated his rooms — often encompassing great works of art and providing formal settings — with great warmth and humour as backgrounds for the people who inhabited them. They were never chilly or overpowering. His own house was the most perfect example of stylish, care-free living.

He is survived by his wife Jean.

GROUP CAPT BARRY SUTTON

Group Captain Barry Sutton, DFC, who died on March 16, at the age of 69, displayed immense bravery as a fighter pilot in the battles of France and Britain. Badly burned when he was shot down during the latter, he nevertheless returned to the fray to take on the Japanese in the skies over Burma.

Before the war Sutton had been a newspaper reporter in the Midlands. But his passion for flying prompted him to join the RAFVR, where he learned how to pilot various kinds of training aircraft during his leisure hours. He thus became one of that gallant band of "weekend fliers" to whom his country was shortly to owe its survival.

After the Munich crisis he transferred to the RAF proper, and got his wings. He was posted to 56 Squadron, renowned for the exploits of Ball and McCudden in the First War. The squadron began its Second War inauspiciously when two of its Hurricanes were mistakenly shot down by Spitfires in what became known as the "Battle of Barking Creek". But it soon shrugged off this set-back.

Sutton went with it to France, where he claimed his first combat victory on May 18, 1940. He was then shot down, and wounded. During a nightmare journey back to Britain on a stretcher, his ambulance train was repeatedly machine-gunned by German fighters.

During the Battle of Britain he was continually in action, shooting down a number of enemy fighters and bombers. On one occasion his Hurricane was damaged, and he had to bring it down on a bombed airfield. The second time he was hit he was not so lucky, being badly burnt when he was shot down in flames (by a Spitfire, he believed).

In spite of terrible injuries which kept him in hospital for a year, he was eager to get back to combat, and in 1942 was sent out to Burma. There the situation in the air was even more desperate than in the Battle of Britain.

The Burma Air Force was scraped together from whatever machines could be spared from other theatres. Its few Hurricanes were of the earliest mark. Like his fellow pilots, Sutton was often flying five combat missions a day, off improvised airfields, against an enemy overwhelmingly superior.

After the British retreat into India he spent some time as an instructor, but when meaningful air operations resumed he was back in action, leading a wing of Spitfires and Hurricanes in the skies over the battle which raged at Imphal in 1944.

After the war Sutton stayed in the RAF, holding a series of staff appointments and station commands, before retiring in 1956.

He wrote a long poem "The Summer of the Firebird", later broadcast on radio, and published two books of memoirs, *The Way of a Pilot* (1942) and *Jungle Pilot* (1946). These are both written with that modesty and restraint which were characteristic of men like Sutton when they were not in the cockpit. But as a fighting man he was imbued with courage and an insatiable desire to be at grips with, and dominate, the enemy.

Of combat he wrote: "The war in the air has retained many characteristics which made air fighting in the First World War essentially a match between men. The fighter pilot does not reckon with the chance shell or bomb which may blast him to eternity; he reckons with a man armed as he is armed; and with whom he must come to grips before the issue can be decided".

Sutton leaves a widow and two daughters.

THE REV JOSEPH WILLIAMSON

The Rev Joseph Williamson, MBE — "Father Joe" — who died on March 14, aged 92, was a doughty soldier in the Church Militant. For thirty years he lashed out against degradation he found in corners of modern England which most Anglicans thought had disappeared with the London of Dickens.

"We are too damned respectable," he once told a congregation in St Paul's Cathedral. The Church had "slipped into a wet and weak attitude."

Unlike many of his younger colleagues in the Church with active social consciences, Williamson had known real poverty himself. Born in Poplar in 1895, he was poor enough and sickly enough as a child to qualify for being sent off every summer to a holiday camp at Broadstairs. He worked as a page boy, office boy and shop assistant before fighting in the First World War, when he developed the ambition to take Holy Orders.

He was ordained in 1925. He went back into the Army in the Second War as a chaplain, and it was not until 1952 that he returned home, as he saw it, as vicar of St Paul's, Dock Street, Stepney.

There he had the "vision" that opened up the next stage of his career, and brought him to the notice of the authorities, of the media and of Royalty.

He often told the story: "I was walking down Cable Street. Suddenly a woman called out to me: 'You walk past me because I'm a bloody prostitute, don't you?' "

Stepney had a particular problem of prostitution partly because of the proximity of the docks and partly because it was regarded as the end of the road for lorry traffic from the north: girls running away to London would get a lift, and find themselves arriving in Stepney at the mercy of men running what were in effect brothels, in what was often disgusting squalor.

Williamson raised money to set up what became the Wellclose Trust. Literally thousands of girls passed through its doors, and many of them were helped to go on to lives of respectability.

Over the years he made countless friends, of all denominations, among the local community as well as among girls grateful to him and his fellow workers. Those who helped financially included the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

But it was not entirely a ministry of sweetness and light. The men who exploited the girls were one target for Williamson's earthy rhetoric (and some of them threatened him physically). He inveighed against men who arrived from abroad, drew social security and then went on to live off immoral earnings.

In 1961 when he was allowed to take his message to the pulpit of St Paul's Cathedral he announced that he was going to "continue to pester all responsible authorities until the whole of the Stepney slums are condemned and destroyed and the people rehoused." As for the girls who had fallen into prostitution, "Open your houses and hearts to these girls," he said.

He opened similar refuges for girls in Essex and in Birmingham — where he upset some local opinion, by drawing attention to the vice going on the Birmingham streets.

He wrote an auobiography, *Father Joe*, and a sequel, *Friends of Father Joe*. He published pamphlets denouncing, among other things, the proposal to lower the age of consent and the liberal theology of Bishop John Robinson. He wrote a life of Josephine Butler.

He is survived by his wife and a son by his first marriage, who is also a priest. His first wife died in 1974.

Service dinners

HQ RAF Support Command
Air Vice-Marshal K.A. Campbell, Air Officer Commanding Maintenance, RAF Support Command, and officers of Brampton Park Officers' Mess held a guest night dinner last night. Wing Commander C.F. Cooper presided and Air Commodore D.F. Lawrence also spoke.

Liverpool University Air Squadron
Squadron Leader K.J. Lawry presided at the annual dinner of Liverpool University Air Squadron held last night at the Officers' Mess, Altcar. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, UK Military Representative to Nato, was the guest of honour. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Lancaster University and the Commandant of RAF College Cranwell attended.

Pattenmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Pattenmakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Judge Verney; Upper Warden, Mr G W Marshall; Renter Warden, Mr Daniel Gilbert; Warden to the Trade, Mr D W Jury.

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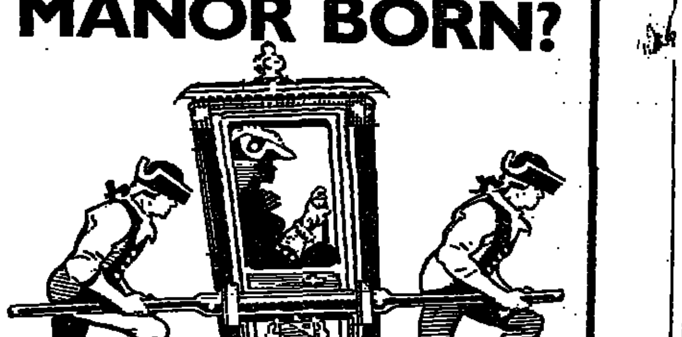

This month's issue of the magazine takes you to Warwickshire to discover the Gothic splendour and intricate lacy decoration of Arbury Hall.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.
Hebrews 4:9.11

BIRTHS

BAND - On March 16th, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Sheehy) and Andrew, a son, Nicholas, a brother for Christopher.

COLLINS - On March 10th, to Suzanne (née Adie) and Kevin, a son, Alexander Patrick Sayer.

CORRETT - On March 16th 1988, at Ayrshire central hospital, Irvine, to Sandrew and Johnnie, a daughter Sosy Mairi, a sister for Jason, Joanna and Cameron.

DE ZULUETA - On March 14th, to Pandora and Francis, a daughter.

DYER - On March 3rd, to Kevin and Jane (née Luffingham) a son, Philip James a brother for Adam.

FREELAND - On March 18th 1988, at The Princess Margaret Hospital, Windsor to Angela (née Thomas) and Roy, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth.

HALLEWELL - On March 16th, 1988, to Joanna (née Simon) and Peter, a daughter Rachael Anne.

MURDOCH - On March 16th 1988, at Saint Thomas' Hospital, to Ruth (née Bunbury) and Euan, a daughter, Harriet Esther.

NICHOLS - On Monday March 14th, to Stephanie (née Wells) and David, a daughter, Catherine, a sister for Jack.

OWEN EDMUNDS - On March 6th, 1988, to Helena and Peter, a daughter Lydia, a sister for Tatwin.

PAWLE - On March 13th, at Queen Charlottes Hospital to Emma and Oliver, a daughter.

PLUMMER - On March 12th, 1988, to Theresa (née Campbell) and Rupert, a son Ruaraidh.

PULLMAN - On March 16th, to Rosina (née Maguire) and Nigel, a daughter, Laura Fay.

STEGER - On March 12th, at St Thomas', to Jennifer (née Morgan) and Adrian, a daughter, Harriet, a sister for Katharine and Alexander.

THOMPSON - On March 16th 1988, at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital to Cally (née Rampton) and James, a son, Oliver John.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On March 16th, Elizabeth peacefully in her 89th year. Dearly beloved wife of the late Sidney and mother of Richard and William. Funeral private.

BROOKS - On March 15th, 1988, peacefully in a Hove nursing home, Gertrude (nee Bodkin), devoted wife of the late Eric Brooks, of Hong Kong, and loving stepmother of Brian. Funeral private but donations if desired may be sent to Oxfam. Flowers and enquiries to Baker & Son, 52 Station road, Portslade. Tel. (0273) 418464.

BULLER - On March 16th 1988, peacefully at home, James Swithin Arthur aged 10½ months, dearly loved son of Clare and Nigel.

CAREY - On March 14th, suddenly, Richard husband of Lorna. Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on March 22nd at 3.45. No flowers please. Donations if desired to P.D.S.A. Dorking, Surrey.

CRAMPTON - On March 14th 1988, suddenly at her home, Margaret, aged 41. Much loved wife of Richard, mother of Philip and Emma. Service at Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, NW7 on Tuesday March 22nd at 12.30pm. Enquiries to T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd. Tel 01 866 0324.

DEEDES - On March 14th, 1988, in London, Louise Ingram Crockett, born Kentucky 2/10/1894, widow of Brigadier John Gordon Deedes C.M.G., previously married to Norman Ebbutt of The Times. Much missed by family and friends.

DETERDING - On March 16th, Clare Louise, beloved youngest daughter of Bill and Marcia, of Lawn Farm, Holt, Norfolk. Private funeral. Service of thanksgiving, Saturday March 26th at 3 pm at St. Nicholas' Church, Blakeney, Norfolk. No flowers please, donations if desired to The Coronary Unit, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham.

DUFF - On March 14th, William of Fetcham, Surrey, beloved husband of Nancy and much loved father of Caroline and Matthew.

FOSTER CLARK - On March 11th, at home in Malta, Hubert, aged 85, son of George and Henrietta Foster Clark of Maidstone, Kent. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral took place in Malta on Sunday March 13th. No letters please. Donations to The Musician's Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle St, London W1.

EDWARDS - On March 16th, 1988, Leonard "Brooke" at home in Hove, and of Philadelphia USA, aged 92 years, husband of Margaret Isabel Neil-Edwards. Cremation private.

GARRETT - On March 16th, 1988, peacefully at Princess Alice Hospice Esher Surrey, Geoffrey Elmer aged 80. Funeral private, family flowers only but donations if wished to Princess Alice Hospice. Memorial service to be announced later.

GRITTEN - On March 16th 1988, peacefully in hospital, Mary J.C. of Kenilworth and Broadstairs, aged 101 years. Funeral Service at St. John's Church, Kenilworth on Monday March 21st at 2.30pm.

HILLS - On March 15th 1988, Elizabeth Bridget Heath Hills (née Gee) aged 60. Beloved wife of Alfred John Hills of Grove Cottage, Flax Bourton, Bristol and beloved sister of Adrian and Cynthia Gee. Funeral Service at Barrow Gurney Church, Barrow Gurney at 3.00pm on Monday March 21st, followed by cremation at South Bristol Crematorium. Family flowers only.

KELLY - On March 12th 1988, peacefully at home in Perruel, Normandy after a long illness bravely resisted. Ruth Olive (née Lugg) wife of Francis Harold Kelly (Frank), sometime resident in London NW1, for 9 years at Zandvoort, Holland and since January 1985 in France. Cremation took place at the Cimetière Monumental, Rouen on March 16th.

MacLEAN OF ARDGOUR - On March 16th, peacefully at Airds, Appin, Catriona Louise, 17th of Ardgour, D.L., Funeral from Ardgour House, Ardgour on Monday March 21st 1988 at 2 pm. Flowers by choice or donations may be sent to the West Highland Museum, Fort William.

MATTINGLEY - On March 16th, Viola, wife of the late Eric Mattingley, of Winchelsea, mother of Ann and Susan. Requiem Mass at St Anthony of Padua, Rye, on Wednesday 23rd March at 11am, followed by private burial.

MOYLE - On March 14th 1988, Brian Vincent, aged 66 years, of Horley, Surrey, beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Patrick, Pamela and Penny. Funeral service at St Bartholomews Church, Burstow, on Tuesday 22nd March at 2pm. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

MUNRO-KERR - On March 15th, peacefully in London, Anne, formally of The Society of Authors, Tunstall and Lenham. Dearly loved by family and friends. Funeral service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12.15 on Tuesday 22nd March. Flowers to Mathias Ltd, 213 Upper Richmond Rd, SW15.

NIXON - On March 14th, after a long illness, Norman, husband of Kathleen and father of Mark.

OSORIO - On March 15th, 1988, in hospital Edwin, very much loved husband of Peggy and father of John and Mary. Cremation at Chichester on Wednesday March 23rd, at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations desired for the charity of his choice, Cancer Research Campaign, may be sent c/o and all enquiries please to F A Holland & Son, 35/37 Upper Bogner Rd, Bogner Regis. Tel: 0243 827311. A service of thanks giving will be held in London in May.

PRENTICE - On March 9th 1988, in Capetown, South Africa, John Wickham Lt. Col, The Poona Horse, Indian Army.

SUTTON - On March 16th, Barry, D.F.C. Group Captain, RAF, Retired. Aged 69 years. Peacefully at his home, The Boathouse Rozel, Jersey. After a long illness, courageously borne. Beloved husband of Vicki, much loved father of Caroline and Julia. Funeral has taken place in Jersey. Enquiries to Pitcher Le Quesne, Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St. Helier, Jersey. Tel:(0534)77936.

WATSON - On March 14th, John Roughton of New Milton, Hampshire. Enquiries to F W House and Sons Funeral Directors, Lymington.(0590/73142).

MEMORIAL SERVICES

POLLITZER - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Esmé Pollitzer will be held at the West London Synagogue, Upper Berkeley Street, on Wednesday March 23rd at 6.30pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BESLY - In ever loving memory of Dinah who died 18th March 1987. I have spread my dreams under your feet, tread softly because you tread on my dreams.

WALL - Remembering Dr. Clive Wall overcome by hostile waters after a heroic struggle. A huge loss to British Science. He lives on in a better place.

Dinners

Justices' Clerks' Society

The Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice attended a dinner given by Mr John E. Pearson, president, and members of the Council of the Justices' Clerks' Society, at Law Society's Hall last night. Among others present were:

Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, Lord Justice Brown, Sir Thomas Hetherington, QC, Sir Thomas Skyrme, Sir Brian Cubbon, Sir Derek Oulton, QC, Major P C Clarke, Mr David Faulkner, Mr T S Legg, Dr Douglas Acres, Mr Barry Rose, Mr Robert Johnson, QC, Mr J D Bradbeer, Mr Brian Cooke, Mr M E Head, Mr T R P Rudin and Mr J W Hayes.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea

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High Sheriff of Essex

The Lord Lieutenant of Essex attended a dinner given by the High Sheriff last night at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, to mark the retirement of Mr T.C. Gepp as Under Sheriff.

Irish Club

The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland and Mrs O'Rourke were present at the annual St Patrick's night dinner and banquet given by the Irish Club yesterday at the Royal Garden Hotel. Mr Simon Ryan, president, presided and Mr Richard Needham, MP, Mr Ray Burke, Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Tom Kiernan also spoke.

Association of Municipal Engineers

The Chairman's dinner of the Association of Municipal Engineers was given by Mr Brian Redknap at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night. The guests included the Earl of Gainsborough, Sir Godfrey Agnew, Sir George Moseley and Sir Trevor Skeet, MP.

European Association of Professional Secretaries

The annual dinner for the UK Members of the European Association of Professional Secretaries and their guests was held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower. The guest of honour was Sir Philip Jones, Chairman of the Electricity Council. The other speakers were Dr J. Stuart Burgess, Chief Executive of Amersham International, and EAPS members, Miss Valerie Greet and Mrs Sonia Vanular.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new North Terminal at Gatwick Airport at 3.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, president, will preside at a meeting of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; and, as President of the Shire Horse Society, will attend the annual dinner at the East of England Showground, Peterborough, at 6.30.

The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the Nursing Aid appeal reception at Stationers' Hall at 11.30; and, as Chancellor of London University, will "cut the turf" for the start of the new building for basic medical science at Queen Mary College, E1, at 2.00.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Royal Institution, will attend a Friday evening discourse at the institution at 7.15.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new headquarters for the South Yorkshire Fire Service at Sheffield at 1.45; the new rheumatology and rehabilitation department at Nether Edge Hospital at 2.50; and, as president, will attend a performance of Rigoletto at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, at 6.55.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Dr Edward Norman, Dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge, to be Dean of Chapel at Christ Church College, Canterbury, from Michaelmas Term.

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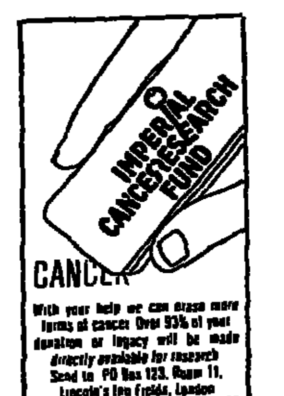

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IN THE MATTER OF
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Brian Reginald Anthony Callaghan
LIQUIDATOR
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Dated this 14th day of March 1988
CG Bird, Liquidator

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No. 001357 of 1988
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Swiss' roles' nasty taste

TELEVISION

People's ability to think of animals as human is matched only by their capacity to treat humans as animals. In *Cabaret at the Jongleurs* (BBC2), a stand-up comedian, Jez Prinz, read out a witty, bitter-sweet diary of Alf, a rat in a scientific laboratory: "One of Nick's heads fell off in the night . . . I don't much like wearing make-up."

***Children of the Open Road*, Ruth Jackson's film for *40 Minutes* (BBC2), did not make light of the disturbing story of Swiss Jenisch gypsies who were treated like animals in a pernicious experiment by the country's leading children's charity, which tried for 50 years to get rid of the gypsy "problem" by forcibly taking children from their parents and giving them to foster homes and institutions.**

The figure behind this programme was a sinister eugenicist who found many Swiss families willing to take part in his experiment by taking in children as cheap labour – they were distinguished from other village children by having their heads shaven.

"I can understand now when gypsies from Germany describe how they were torn from each other by the Nazis because we suffered the same treatment", said one gypsy, Theresa Grossman, who had five of her children taken from her. Such stories seemed more shocking because Switzerland, despite its less than charitable attitude towards the rights of women and foreign workers, still has an image of picturesque, if socially tedious, snow-white respectability.

The cleanliness seemed to extend to the homes of the gypsies, which looked in neater order than those of many British pillars of society. But one image was certainly lived up to when the head of one clinic, where a five-year-old gypsy girl had been given electric shock treatment, appeared looking like a parody of a B-movie evil doctor.

But appearances can mislead. Performing at the Jongleurs was that extraordinary mouth-trumpeting singer and guitar player, Earl Okin. He stubbornly cultivates the look and demeanour of a tedious bespectacled accountant, but makes his cheek blow sounds like the horn of a sartorially cool jazz great.

Andrew Hislop

Robert Dawson Scott salutes 25 years of the Traverse Theatre, Edinburgh, and looks at its prospects

Moving right along

There aren't many small scale theatrical enterprises which last as long as 25 years without merging, splitting, becoming something else or just running out of steam. So, for survival alone, one might raise a ragged cheer for Edinburgh's Traverse Theatre this year, on its Silver Jubilee.

Financially always precarious, artistically erratic, housed in first one and then another completely unsuitable building, based in a city which has for the most part viewed its very existence as something of an embarrassment, lumbered with a cumbersome club structure which became redundant as soon as the Lord Chamberlin was abolished, the Traverse's annual escape from foundering has, since its earlier days, been worthy of Houdini.

Always, somehow, there seemed to have been just enough people to fight just hard enough for it to continue, though even at its peak its membership never got above 4,000. Always, somehow, there was just enough major artistic success to maintain its credibility, whether it was home-grown, as with Tom McGrath's *The Hard Man*, or imported, as with the British première of Jarry's *Ubu Roi*.

It owes a lot to the Edinburgh Festival, which brought theatre people from all over the world to its doorstep. But then, the Edinburgh Festival owes Traverse a good deal, too, for providing just the seasoning of excitement and novelty that the Festival needed.

In an orgy of understandable self-congratulation this year, the theatre is all but claiming to have invented fringe theatre singlehanded. While the nationwide growth of tiny companies, doing extraordinary new work on no money would probably have happened anyway, there's no doubt that the constant stream of innovation from Traverse helped create and then maintain the Festival Fringe's reputation, much to the discomfiture of some early Festival directors.

Left to right, above: Jenny Killick, artistic director, Sheena McDonald, chairman and Anne Bonnar, general manager

In the last few years it really did seem to be running out of steam once and for all, producing only four shows of its own a year, down to only 38 per cent audiences in 1983-4 (when your capacity is only 100, that's pretty serious) and warned by the Scottish Arts Council (SAC) that unless something dramatic, in every sense, happened their annual grant of £214,000, already not being increased in line with inflation, could be relied upon no further.

True, there were still hits: John Clifford's *Losing Venice* and Mario Vargas Llosa's *Kathie and the Hippopotamus*, for example. But voices were being raised in Scotland about how isolationist and irrelevant the Traverse was becoming, about how Jenny Killick, the 27-year-old artistic director, was too young and relied too much on a coterie of friends from Cambridge University.

The room to manoeuvre, between poor audiences on the one hand and diminishing funding on the other, was dwindling fast.

One writes off the Traverse at one's peril, however. The theatre has often had strong management or intelligent artistic leadership in the past, but rarely both at the same time. The arrival of the resourceful Anne Bonnar as general manager in 1986, to join Killick, sorted that out.

The appointment of another charismatic and determined woman, Sheena McDonald, as chairman followed last year. Between them they have produced a bigger shake up for the coming year than one could reasonably have hoped for.

There are to be 11 plays produced instead of four (all new, in the Traverse's best tradition and no rehashing of their Greatest Hits) The programme deliberately embraces some of the best talents in the increasingly confident Scottish theatre.

And the Traverse's status as a members' club is to go. Anne Bonnar is convinced that misunderstandings over membership requirements have kept audiences away, but it took hard bargaining with the local authority before a public licence was granted.

The Traverse's new public status will also have a symbolic value in Edinburgh, bringing the theatre back into the public domain and out of the neglected arty corner in which it has been perceived as languishing.

Unashamed milking of the jubilee for sponsorship and a windfall from audience revenue last year – back up to 59 per cent – has provided the money for the extra productions. They include another play, *The Conquest of the South Pole*, from the East German playwright Manfred (*Man to Man*) Karge, secured in the face of intense competition from the Royal Court, among others.

What will please the Scottish theatre mafia – believe me, there is one – is the inclusion of Gerry Mulgrew, who leads the Communicado Company, as director; of two plays from the Gaidhealtachd, and of five others from identifiably Scottish writers.

It remains to be seen whether these plays are any good, of course, and, given the usually short tenure of Traverse directors, whether Killick will stay on beyond the end of this season to build on this new beginning.

CONRAD BLAKEMORE

Daryl Back, as Helen Keller, with Sally Osborn as her mother

THEATRE

The Miracle Worker
Westminster Theatre

The advantages of private education, reduced to a sick joke in Lenz's *The Tutor* at the Old Vic, are now presented in a positive light in William Gibson's famous account of the Helen Keller-Annie Sullivan relationship.

Like Lenz's hero, Gibson's Annie is a figure of threadbare gentility, who finds a place in a well-to-do household where she can be sure of her creature comforts, provided she accepts her menial status and devotes all her waking hours to looking after an appallingly difficult child.

The difference is that Annie has got something she wants to teach. After an orphaned childhood and an experience of blindness, she takes the job for the money and then discovers her life's vocation in passing on the gift of language to the deaf and blind Helen.

It is the family's love for Helen, whom they treat as a maimed pet to be endlessly indulged, that denies her the chance of learning anything. It still creates a moral shock to see Annie taking charge of this pitiably disabled little girl and treating her as a spoiled brat.

It is by no means simply a two-character sequel to Gibson's *Two For the See-Saw*. Much of its impact comes from scenes round the dinner table, with the patriotically aggrieved father leading the conversation on Confederate intransigence while Helen wanders round filching food from every plate. And when Annie succeeds in imposing her regime, and removing the child from the family's reach, it is at once a status reversal and another Yankee conquest of the South.

The heart of the piece, admittedly, lies in the sometimes wordless and violently physical teaching scenes, in which Helen gradually absorbs the deaf alphabet as a game, before finally breaking out of her linguistic prison. As Daryl Back and Hildegard Neil play it, that is a heart-stopping moment.

It also comes as the well-earned climax of a magnificent partnership that combines the ruthlessness of a prize fight with the fascination of a treasure hunt. With robust supporting performances, from Ian Lavender and Sally Osborn, Adrian Reynolds's Byre Theatre production confirms again the act of teaching as one of the great dramatic subjects.

Irving Wardle

Mahler's grace

CONCERTS

BBCSO/Atherton
Festival Hall

It used to be said, in defence of Mahler's revisions of Schumann's symphonies, that every conductor since Mendelssohn has tampered with Schumann's orchestration, but that Mahler's tamperings had a touch of genius.

That is no longer quite true. Haitink is one conductor who has obtained highly convincing results from the original scores (admittedly with the Concertgebouw Orchestra, who could play the Amsterdam Telephone Directory and make it sound mellifluous).

Nevertheless, Mahler's edition of Schumann's First Symphony is a highly seductive document. The high trumpet parts are spectacular but bizarrely inappropriate, of course, and something of Schumann's robust exhilaration is smoothed away, too. But the textures suddenly sound professionally balanced; the ideas more articulately expressed.

David Atherton took a very un-Mahlerian view of his task as conductor. He hustled through the outer movements with almost metronomic exactitude (until a pacy coda), obtaining alert and clean ensemble throughout from an in-form BBC Symphony Orchestra.

It was almost too prim and even-tempered in places and, stylistically, not so far removed from the well-controlled performance of theHaydn Symphony No 90 which followed it. Here, the flute and oboe principals (Christine Messiter, Richard Hewitt) properly stole the limelight, phrasing their many solo spots with admirable grace.

Lucia Popp's withdrawal left Thomas Allen to deliver a somewhat brief selection of Mahler's songs from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*. He was, perhaps, too urbane in delivery to convey much of the sardonic undertone of "Revelge", and his low notes were sometimes obscured by the sinister fanfares.

But the broad comedy of "Lob des hohen Verstandes" – the conversation between cuckoo, nightingale and ass – was brilliantly done, and he conveyed the sad lyricism of "Wo die schoñen Trompeten Blasen" with great warmth. Atherton's handling of the masterly orchestral accompaniment was exemplary.

Richard Morrison

Henze Festival
Royal Academy of Music

This year the Royal Academy of Music is devoting its annual festival of contemporary music to the work of Hans Werner Henze.

The choice is convenient, for not only is Henze, a visiting teacher, readily accessible, but he has also written for a helpfully wide variety of instrumental combinations. Thus, this concert included a polished performance by the Academy's Brass Ensemble under Harold Nash of the 12 *Ragtime and Habaneras* of 1975, approachable music which acknowledges its stylistic debts, and an object lesson in how to write in a popular, yet still personal idiom.

Derivation, in fact, seems to be the *idée fixe* of the evening. What was apparently a first-year string ensemble, conducted by Odaline de la Martinez, gamely tackled the suite from the film *The Young Törless* (1966), subtly transcribed from the string sextet version. The predominant feeling which this music created was one of a dreamily precious atmosphere. Indeed, there are problems in the very fact that the translation from cinema to concert hall has, in the last analysis, failed to turn cinema music into concert music.

Later, there was a chance to hear what Henze could do with music by a composer other than himself. His *I sentimenti di Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach* is an occasional piece composed last year, which sets Bach's Fantasy-Sonata for violin and keyboard of 1787 for solo flute (Anna Pyne), solo harp (Julia Webb) and strings, and which here received its British première.

Its lush scoring was graced with some excellent solo playing; but of the real Henze, we heard only *L'Autunno* for wind quintet (1977), music of strength, character and beauty. Again, it includes a derivation, this time from J S Bach's Magnificat.

Stephen Pettitt

Dignified affair

ROCK

Joan Baez
Hammersmith Odeon

Although the subject is now horribly unfashionable, *An Evening with Joan Baez*, as it was billed, has more to offer than might be expected. For one thing, age has not diminished a clear soprano voice of tremulous character, powerful enough to carry an unamplified *a capella* version of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" to the back of the hall.

Aged 47, Joan Baez in concert assumes a mantle of quiet dignity far removed from the bluster of contemporary popular performance norms. Accompanied by a pianist, on a stage decorated with a tasteful arrangement of potted palms, the formal cut of both her long black skirt and short grey hair gave the impression of a recital artist, rather than that of an ageing hippy folk singer at work.

Her choice of material was worrying at times, though never less than intriguing. She played "Farewell Angelina" and the Scottish ballad "Mary Hamilton" from her first album, released in 1959. Here was material on a par with anything from the folk roots revivalists of the Eighties.

Also from that first release she sang "El Preso Numero Nuevo" which, with its Spanish narrative and light flamenco guitar motif, was ahead of the current fascination with "world music" by more than 25 years.

She has updated her role as socio-political commentator to include more recent protest songs about South Africa by Johnny Clegg ("Asimbonanga") and Peter Gabriel ("Biko"), both of which she delivered with force and poignancy.

During her chat between numbers she combined mild militancy with middle-aged ordinariness, talking about her son and his friends one minute, slotting in name checks for Guatemala and El Salvador the next, but reserving the most graphic of her emotional candour for the lyrics of "Diamonds And Rust", the song about her affair with Bob Dylan.

Now that the notions of both political activism and folk music traditionalism are more favourably regarded within the ambit of popular music than they have been at any time during the last two decades, perhaps it is time for a reassessment of Joan Baez's contribution to current trends.

David Sinclair

On her own terms

Katherine Stephen meets the US novelist Toni Morrison (right), whose latest book, *Beloved*, has established her as a literary figure

On the highest shelf of American literature, there are the works of black authors: Ralph Ellison, Richard Wright, James Baldwin would almost certainly be represented there. If you were looking for a novel by a black American woman, the shelf would be scanned in vain.

But now, if some critics are correct, there is one, and her name is Toni Morrison. Hype is the norm in publishing circles, so it is difficult to weigh adjectives. A. S. Byatt has called Toni Morrison's latest novel "an American masterpiece," and Allan Massie says that Morrison is approaching greatness more surely than anyone else who has begun to publish in the United States in the last quarter of a century.

"You have no idea how that makes me feel," says Morrison, aged 57, a former fiction editor for a New York publisher who now teaches at the State University of New York at Albany. "Oh, *I* always thought I'd be a brilliant writer, I just didn't think anyone else would share that opinion."

She was in London six months after the British publication of her latest novel, *Beloved* (Chatto £11.95). She did not want to interrupt her teaching schedule earlier to tour Britain.

The novel, set in the years after the slaves were liberated in the American South, is the first part of a planned trilogy. The second part, which she is writing now, will be set in Harlem in the 1920s and the last, she thinks, in contemporary times.

In this country Toni Morrison is not a household name, although *Beloved* has touched the best-seller lists. In the United States she is well-known and popular for a writer whose work is sometimes regarded as "difficult": she has been on the cover of *Newsweek* magazine and was said, with her third novel, *Song of Solomon*, published in 1977, to have attained indisputable stature.

The intense, impressive woman receiving all these plaudits grew up in a steel manufacturing town in Ohio, the daughter of a farming family who had moved north. She read the classics when young – Jane Austen, Tolstoy – and went to Howard University, a black college in Washington DC.

There she met Harold Morrison, an architect whom she subsequently married. They were divorced after six years, while she was pregnant with her second son.

Then she began to write, but not because she needed the money, as she had a full-time job as a textbook editor. "Writing was private," she says, "it was subterranean."

Like a heroine in a feminist novel, she was doing three things at once: bringing up a family alone, working full-time, and writing. "I was able to do it because of the history of black women," she says. "I had seen people who had got through with much more courage than I ever mustered."

Could she have become a writer if she had remained married? "*I* couldn't have, I wasn't interested in writing. I was interested in my marriage. So I don't think my experience is a cautionary tale any more, because I know too many people who do all that."

In the two remaining volumes of her planned trilogy, Morrison intends to develop the theme of the difficulty of loving: wanting to surrender the self to the beloved and hold on to the self at the same time.

Toni Morrison has been credited with large powers of imagination which is unusual amidst the spareness of some contemporary women's writing. "I try to imagine fully the characters and keep their company. I inhabit them, like an actress does a character when she is trying to perform that character on stage."

During her time as an editor at Random House, she did much to further black literature and she is quick to praise the writing of other black women, mentioning Maya Angelou (who writes non-fiction) and Alice Walker.

Perhaps they should be singled out for praise instead of her, she indicates. Perhaps they should, when they have equalled the achievements of Toni Morrison and found a place beside her on that high, hard-to-reach shelf of American literature.

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A holiday fit for all

Parents, as well as children, need a break — sometimes from each other. Heather Kirby discovers that a holiday apart can work wonders for all the family

It is accepted that parents need the occasional holiday away from their children to recharge their batteries but what about children being given the chance to have a holiday away from their parents? When you have sons and daughters of different ages, keeping them entertained for four weeks at Christmas and Easter and another eight during the summer is a formidable challenge.

"A lot of parents still think packing a child off on an activity holiday is a guilt trip, as if anything that is mutually beneficial must have a snag in it somewhere," says Christine Ballardie, who farms at Buckland St Mary in Somerset and who sent her son Ben to his first camp as a ninth birthday present.

"In my experience you both have to grow up. They are tested by doing a lot of new physical things and they don't have a mother and father to tuck them up in bed at night, and you have to face the fact that they can survive without you."

For some parents this lesson is learned the hard way. When Anthony Edwards, a public relations consultant, put his 10-year-old son Daniel and his pal on to a train at King's Cross for a summer camp in the Midlands, he gave them strict instructions to phone home as soon as they got to the camp. After a nightmarish evening with no call, Edwards finally rang the police. "At 10pm they telephoned to say Daniel was perfectly OK. I eventually spoke to him at about 10.30pm and he said he'd got involved in some games then he'd gone for dinner and he'd forgotten all about it."

Old hands at the activity holiday lark know that as far as the children are concerned it is a case of out of sight out of mind, but frequently the first experience brings anxious moments. Jane Gerrish from Bristol burst into tears the first time she left her two daughters, Helen, 15 and Jenny, 11 to their fate. "We had only driven a mile up the road when I said to my husband: 'We can't leave them there'. They had never been away from home before and where they were going to sleep was pretty rough, the beds were in an old barn. We had a terrible week. They both said it was the best holiday of their lives."

Many parents admit that if they could actually see what their offspring were getting up to, they would probably keel over with a heart attack. One of the fun activities at Skern Lodge, in Devon, for example, is a jump into the River Torridge from a bridge which can be from 15 to 25 foot, depending on the height of the water. When 10-year-old Debbie Pennington's group was asked who wanted to jump first there was a deathly hush, so Debbie bravely volunteered. "I would have died if I had seen her," says her mother, Monica Pennington.

Strict supervision is the key to a successful and safe activity holiday. Debbie was wearing a life jacket when she made her heart-stopping jump and Skern Lodge was one of the founder members of the British Activity Holiday Association, which is in consultation with the DHSS in an effort to prepare adequate operational guidelines for companies; at the moment parents have no way of knowing which are the reliable companies and which are the cowboys. As Bill Higginson, chief executive of the association, says, "it is a lucrative market".

"We want it to be rigidly controlled so that parents can be confident that their children are being looked after by properly qualified people," he says. "This is a very imporant issue and we offer a free consumer advice service to help parents to make their choice."

Glad you're not here: face paint for holidaymaking children at Experience UK

Other important questions are what is the ratio of supervisors to children, and are they qualified?

The British Canoe Union, the British Water Ski-ing Federation and the British Horse Society Riding Stables are just some of the official bodies whose approval the holiday company should have if you are going to put your child's life in itshands. If it also caters for handicapped children, who at some centres go canoeing, potholing, or abseil down a cliff face, you can be reasonably confident that the supervision is adequate.

Not that a wimpish fear of what dangers might befall their children exercises the minds of all parents. Jean Edmond, a physiotherapist from Long Eaton, Derbyshire, cheerfully describes something called the Death Slide at a PGL camp near Shrewsbury that her 11-year-old daughter Sally went on last year. "They get to the top of the hill, hang on to a bar, slide down a rope to the bottom, and hopefully don't crash into a tree," she says.

"You can't go through life worrying about everything, can you? They have their own first aid and if anything gets broken, I imagine they know how to cope and would contact us."

There are 82 companies in England, Scotland and Wales who belong to the BAHA, although there are about 1,000 activity centres in Britain. A residential week costs, on average, £165 — which includes tuition, equipment and all meals. This is much more expensive than, for example, France where activity holidays are much more common.

"I am much more worried when my children go on trips with the school," says Jeanne Helena Eggleton, who has sent her three children on one of these holidays. "I used to give them letters and postcards addressed and stamped with 'Dear Mum' already written on them, but I was very lucky if I ever received any."

There is only one more danger that first-time parents should perhaps be aware of before they send off their offspring: every time my 13-year-old son comes back, he is pursued by long-distance telephone calls and scented letters. When I try to find out about these holiday romances, he buries his head in a cushion. But he is clearly not as shy as that with all females.

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All camps mentioned here are members of the British Activity Holiday Association. For details of other members contact the BAHA on 0597 3902. Fees for day camps are for a five-day week and pick up and return from transport points is usually offered. Fees for residential camps are for one week; some activities (such as dry ski-ing) are extra.

PGL Young Adventure, Station Street, Ross-on-Wye HR9 7AH (0989 65556). Day camps: Easter (March 26-April 16, eight to 13-year-olds) and summer (July 9-Aug 27, six to 16-year-olds); Dalguise, near Perth; Boreatton Park, Shropshire; summer only, camps from Perthshire to Portsmouth (details from PGL) £69. Residential: Easter and summer dates, ages and camps as for day. £179.

Beaumont Camps, 9 West Street, Godmanchester, Hungtindon PE18 8HG (0480 56123). Day: Easter (April 4-15) and summer (June 11-Sept 10) Windsor and Mill Hill; summer only Brentwood, Essex, Reigate, Wimbledon, Chislehurst. For three to fives, and six-16s, £102.35. Residential: Easter (April 2-16), Mill Hill; summer (July 9-Aug 27, details of camps from Beaumont), seven-17s, £178 plus VAT.

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Dolphin Adventure Holidays, 34-36 South Street, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8AG (0903 765581). Day: Easter (March 28-April 12) and summer (July 18-August 22) Potters Bar; summer only Roehampton, Windsor, Amersham, Leatherhead, Harrogate. For three to fives, £79.50, six-14s £89. Residential: Easter (March 26-April 7), Dinmore, Potters Bar; summer (July 16-Aug 20), Harrogate, Dinmore, Potters Bar, Colwyn Bay. For six-11s, £169; for 11-16s, £179.

Experience UK, 58 Friary Road, Friern Barnet, London N12 9PB (01-445 3358). Day: Easter (April 4-15) and summer (July 25-Aug 26), N London Collegiate, Edgware; summer only Queen Elizabeth's Boys School, High Barnet. For three to fives, £79.35; five-15s, £85.10. Residential: Easter (April 4-10), The Elms, Malvern, Worcester; summer (July 31-Aug 31), Farleigh School, Andover, Hants and St Brandons School, Bristol. For six-17s, £150 plus VAT.

Action Holidays, Windrush, Bexton Lane, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 9BP (0565 54775). Day: summer only (July 25-Aug 19), Wycliffe College Junior School, Gloucestershire (five-13s); Royal Russell School, Croydon (seven-15s), £79. Residential: summer only (July 25-Aug 20), camps and ages as for day, £149.

Freetime Leisure, Mayford Centre, Woking, Surrey GU22 OPP (04862 70800). Day: Easter (April 5-14 for six-14s) and summer (July 25-Aug 26 for four-14s), Claremont School, Esher; summer only (four-14s) Bedales School, Petersfield. For four to sixes, £79; seven to eights, £84; nine-14s, £89. Residential: summer only (July 16-Aug 21), Petersfield, Bath. For nine-15s, £189.

Camp Aldenham, Aldenham School, Elstree WD6 3AJ (09276 7553). On site, run by school. Days only: Easter (March 28-April 8), nine-16s, *four* days £75.90); summer (July 25-Aug 26), three-13s usual five days, £95.45.

Millfield Village of Education, Street, Somerset BA16 OYD (0458 45823). On site, run by school. Day: summer only (July 25-Aug 19). Eight upwards. Five half days ofspecific activity, £48; five all-day multi-activity £96. Not including refreshments. Residential: summer only (dates as for day), eight-13s, £194.

Designs on display

BARBARA AMIEL

Last Sunday night, I walked into Cearcey's House at the corner of Pavilion Road, just a scamper of my Fra Rossetti brogues away from the International Designer Room at Harrods. I mention my shoes because the evening was being held by half a dozen British fashion designers as a part of British Fashion Week, and everyone was eyeing each other's labels. My label quotient was a bit iffy since most of my clothes were in Pickfords' boxes after a move, which left me stranded in my Jaeger wool-and-terylene trousers with nearly matching sweater.

The girl on the door eyed me suspiciously and I returned it with a none-too-discreet flash of my borrowed Hermès bag (£1,200) and a slow rotating glimpse of my old Bulgari watch. From the depths of my butter-soft leather bag I proffered my invitation and smiled again. She nodded but peered hesitantly into my bag which was stuffed with unwashed smalls to go into the washing machine at the new flat, as well as a 100-year old tin of foie gras retrieved from the fridge of the old one. It had been given to my ex-husband and me as a wedding present and I planned to see it arise triumphant as a housewarming gift.

In a large room behind the floral arrangements there were rows of designer Janet Ibbotson's clothes being modelled by a terrific looking blonde with a perfect size eight figure. A pair of size 12 women in almost identical Janet Ibbotson suits were studying the chocolate brown three piece on the blonde, which featured a nipped in waist and restrained peplum.

Miss Ibbotson was explaining the need for wardrobe updating: "I've redesigned the jacket," she paused delicately, "and I hate to say it, but don't you think it's even better?" The women nodded enthusiastically, their shoulders rounding with embarrassment at being clad in last year's inferior version.

I went up the stairs filled with palely loitering young men of the kind usually found at fashion shows and a lot of older loitering men who are there for the same reason but different predilection. The older men were trying to chat up 18-year-old models. Meanwhile, the younger men were trying to chat up each other. I kept thinking about how I must buy a dog. At the top of the stairs was a porcelain creature in a Winterhalter gown who was seated with acres of hand-painted silk spread all about her. It turned out to be a ballgown by designer Louise Hamlin-Wright, and I had never seen anything like it. "She's over there," said the creature, raising one ivory arm "putting on mascara."

Miss Hamlin-Wright turned out to be only able to speak to me with her eyes opened very wide due to the need to "fix" the mascara, which was a little disconcerting. She didn't have very much to say about her extraordinary concoctions except that they retailed at £3,500 upwards and the one at the top of the stairs was £7,000. "Who buys them?" I asked. "Film stars, foreign royalty and often just ordinary people who save up for it." I felt the need to comment. "What is your inspiration?" I asked. She was dismissive. "The clothes speak for themselves."

Meanwhile, the younger men were trying to chat up each other

My reverie was broken by a bout of politics. It seemed that some of these designers had been rejects of the London Fashion Council and others had banded together with them in solidarity in order to show their clothes in an atmosphere more sympathetic to couture than Olympia. I listened for a bit and tried to sort out the conflicting claims, but my ability to grasp the politics of British fashion is not as acute as my ear for moral relativism. I decided to give up and wandered in to see the scrumptious dresses of Patricia Lester, one of my two favourite British designers.

Miss Lester makes dresses that look remarkably like Fortuny pleating, except you cannot say that, because whoever it is that owns the name Fortuny gets very upset. All the same, they are cascades of knife-edged silk pleats and velvet that are beaded and draped and wrap up into a teeny ball when you are travelling. I wore one once to an Embassy dinner, and Mrs Thatcher herself came beetling over to me. True, her question was not entirely germane to the dress: "Let's get right down to business," she said to me. "Where did you buy those shoes?" As it happened, they came from a shop called F. Pinet on Bond Street. "Oh," said the PM, dismissively. "Too expensive for me."

That, alas, is the same spirit that in this week's budget abolished business entertainment deductions for out-of-town guests. I did point out Miss Lester's work to Mrs Thatcher, who said she admired it but felt wearers had to be "thin" to dress in them. That may be why Lauren Bacall bought three or four Patricia Lester dresses last Friday.

When I left it was raining gently. The Arab clients were being swept into chauffeured cars, their costumes gleaming with embrodiery and beading. The English were clomping off in the rain, some with wellies at the standby. I must read Nicholas Coleridge's book, *The Fashion Conspiracy*, I thought, and learn about the relationship between fashion savvy and national character. My own theory is political and economic clout. Think of the smartest-dressed women in the West today. Not the French, not the Italians, but the Germans. Give a country a strong economy and she'll develop a fine fashion sense — and poets and artists as well. More money for defence builds a better fashion business than subsidizing designers directly. I don't think this will be a popular theory in Britain, but Mrs Thatcher might understand. Meanwhile, I'll just keep quiet about it.

Making light work of it

TALKBACK

From Mrs Jane Silvey,
Summer End, Tring,
Hertfordshire

While entirely agreeing with the fact that it is "very hard to combine an ambition to work outside the home with a feeling of satisfaction in one's role as a good home-maker", ("A load on your mind?" February 24), I do not agree with the conclusion that it is the "efficient" machines which are to blame by causing women to set themselves impossibly high standards.

Household appliances are tools which enable the necessary work to be done as quickly and efficiently as possible. For example, why use a washing machine every day, unless, perhaps, you have young babies still in nappies? What is wrong with the old idea of one day a week for washday? The art is in doing what is necessary, knowing when to draw the line and then using the time saved to achieve your ambitions in other directions.

There are many women who go out to work who still cannot afford to employ professional cleaners or laundries. Without their modern appliances (judiciously chosen) they would be little more than drudges.

From Dr Paul A Fowler,
Barratt Drive, Ellon,
Aberdeenshire

At home today, taking days off in turn with my wife, looking after my daughter who has German measles, I read Victoria McKee's interview of Christina Hardyment with some disbelief. The arguments of the latter woman were both illogical and irritating. How can possessing a dishwasher make life easier for husband and child but not the woman? Frankly, if she lets spouse and offspring get away with *not* pulling their weight around the house, then what can she expect? My wife and I both work full-time and yet, like many other reasonable couples, divide the house-baby-and-dog-work between us. If I cook, for instance, my wife does the washing up and so on. The gadgets that Hardyment ostentatiously scorns most certainly do lighten the load, and are not to blame if people cannot keep their use in proportion.

From Saskia Whitfield,
Denbigh Road,
London W11

On reading Barbara Amiel's article (March 4) on the criminalization of possession of child pornography, I was disturbed to find how short-sighted some people can be.

She claims that the link between violence and pornography has never been proved — there is no need. The very fact that children can be made to pose for pornography is a violent act in itself. Child pornography perpetuates the idea that children can be so degraded.

The people she claims "need" this pornography are victims, too, of a society that says the way to solve a man's anti-social and sexual problems is to look at photographs of women and children in degrading positions. This is not a natural "human impulse".

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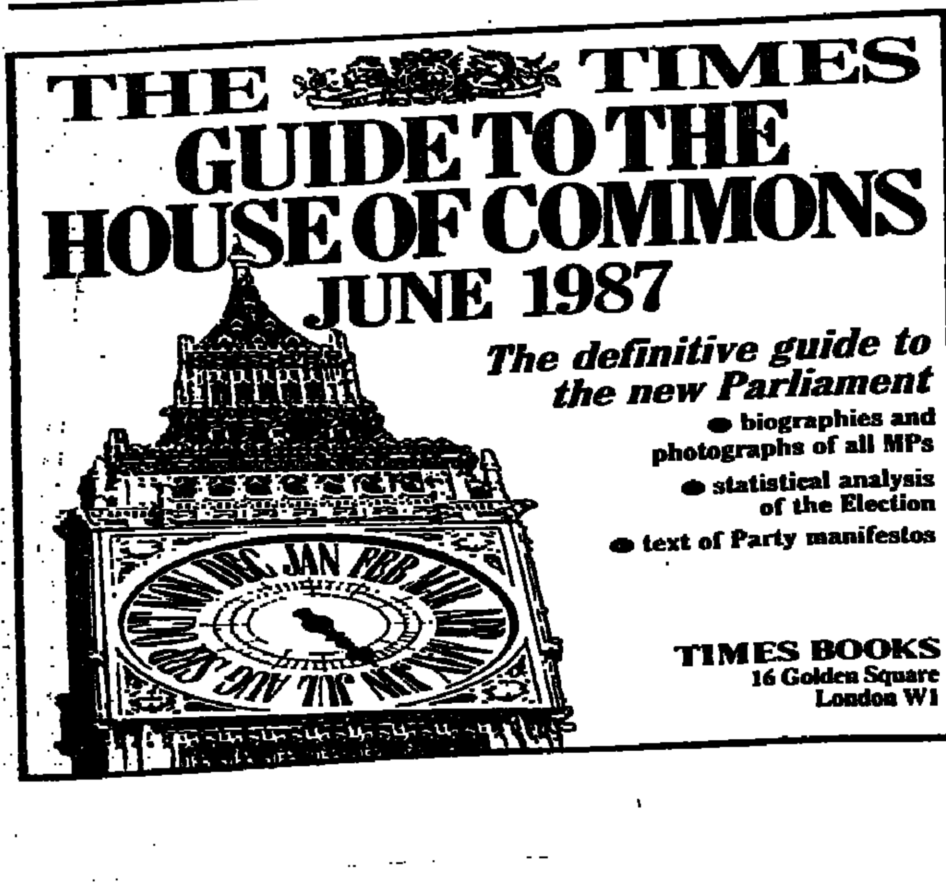

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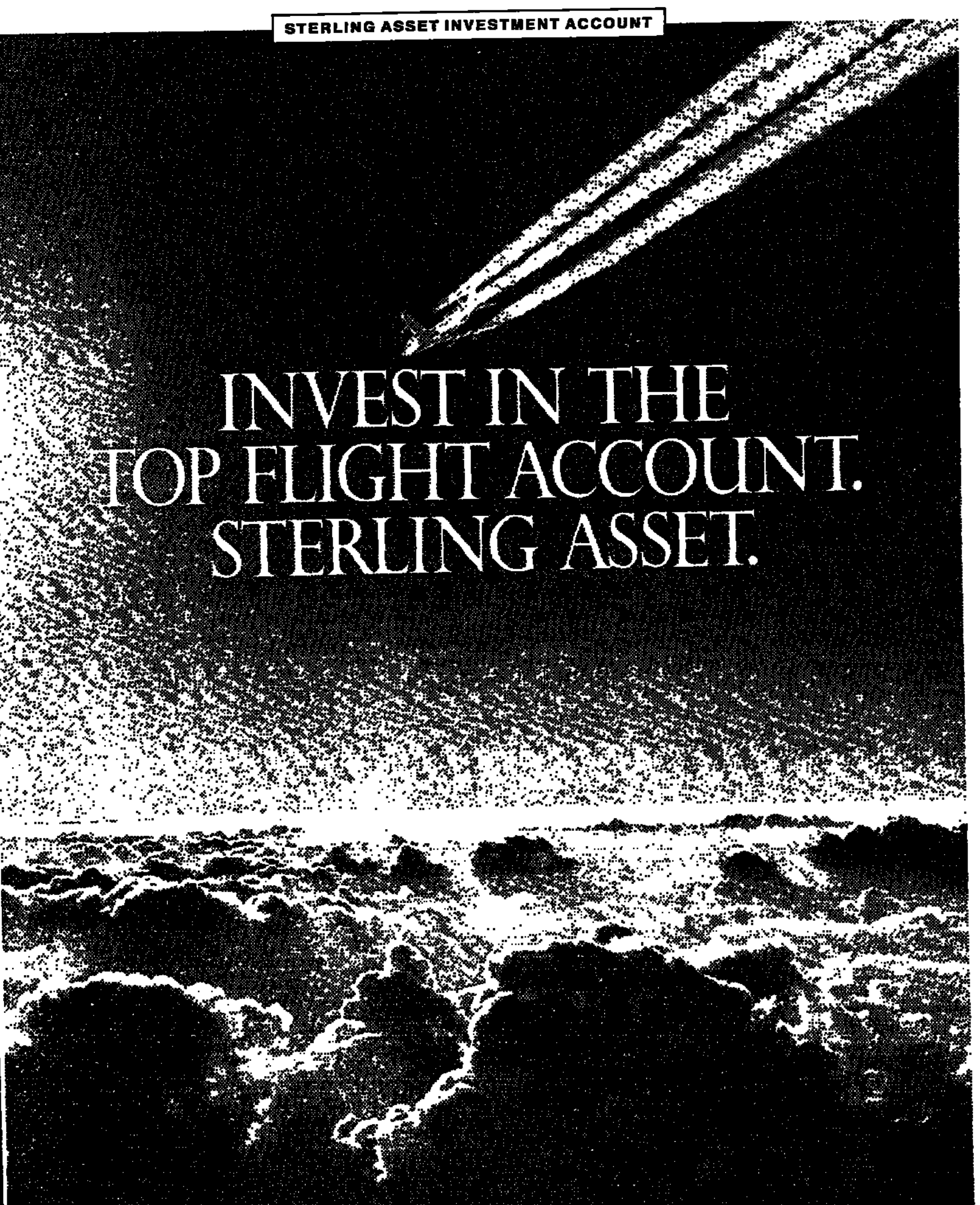

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☆ SOUTH PACIFIC: Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt in magnificently staged revival.
Prince of Wales Theatre, Coventry Street, W1 (01-839 5989). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£20.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Queens Theatre (01-734 1166). . . **☆ The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . **☆ Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . **☆ Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . **★ Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . **☆ 42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0). . . **☆ Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . **☆ Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . **☆ Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . **★ Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . **☆ The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . **★ Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . **☆ Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . **☆ Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028). . . **☆ Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665). . . **☆ And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 24

NOURISSON
(b) One who is surplus to requirements in a business, literally an extra mouth to feed: ***Leur taule a croulé, 'y avait trop de nourissons.***

CINTRE
(b) Racing cyclists' slang for the handlebars: ***Cramponner le cintre,*** **to pedal flat-out with one's head down.**

TOMBÉ
(a) Jocular for an easy victory, slang from the language of wrestling, a translation of the English "fall", as in "two falls or a knockout".

BISTROTE
(c) A landlady, the proprietress of a ***bistrot*** **as in** ***'Allo 'Allo,*** **the untranslatable word for the French local or boozer.**

OUT OF TOWN

ABERDEEN: ☆ The Government Inspector: Anthony Quayle plays the provincial mayor and Paul Rhys the fake inspector in Compass Theatre's tour of Gogol's comedy.
His Majesty's Theatre, Union Street (0224 641122), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £4.50-£30.

FARNHAM: ☆ The Father: Rachel Kempson makes a first appearance at the theatre named after her husband, playing the Nurse in Strindberg's chilling drama.
Redgrave Theatre, Brightwells (0252 715301), Tue-Sat 8pm, £5.50-£6.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

BABETTE'S FEAST (U): Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Lumière (01-836 0691). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ BABY BOOM (PG): Modish comedy about a power-hungry careerist (Diane Keaton) whose life is thrown haywire by the arrival of an apple-cheeked baby girl (111 min).
Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.15, 11.20.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 3.45, 6.10, 8.30.

BARFLY (18): Humorous, look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar with Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle (99 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40, 11.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35, 11.15.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 7.00, 9.00.

■ CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle about the Steve Biko case (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.40, 11.45.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.30.

■ THE LAST EMPEROR (15): Bertolucci's gorgeously photographed epic tells the extraordinary story of Pu Yi, China's last imperial ruler (162 min).
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.15, 4.00, 7.45, 11.45.

NO END (18): Poland's martial law comes under the microscope in this striking drama by Kryztof Kieslowski. With Grazyna Szapolowska as the grieving wife trying to pick up the pieces after the death of her husband (108 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.50, 4.10, 6.25, 8.45.

NOIR ET BLANC (18): Disturbing drama about the obsessive relationship between a young accountant and a masseur.
Everyman (01-435 1525). Progs 2.30, 5.55, 9.20.

■ NUTS (18): High Society whore Claudia Draper kills a client in self-defence(116 mins).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.45, 5.30, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.35, 5.25, 8.20, 11.20.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.10, 9.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 12.50, 3.15, 5.40, 8.25, 11.15.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.50, 6.20, 8.45.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.10.

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME (15): Rookie cop Tom Berenger is assigned to protect a well-heeled witness to a brutal murder (106 min).
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45, 11.45.

STAKEOUT (15): Synthetic but spirited comedy-thriller with a dash of romance. Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez play wisecracking Seattle cops on a routine stake-out (117 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.50, 8.35.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.35, 5.15, 8.00.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 5.55, 8.30.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

WITHNAIL AND I (15): Knockabout British comedy about two out-of-work British actors trying to maintain sanity.(107 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

GALLERIES

GERARD MORRIS: First London one-man show for a young Scottish painter whose pictures interpret the story of St Brendan.
Francis Graham-Dixon Gallery, 17-18 Great Sutton Street, London EC2 (01-250 1962), Tues-Fri 11-6pm, Sat-Sun 2-6pm, free, until April 10.

PHILIP MEAD: The gallery's artist-in-residence opens his studio to the public today for the last time between noon and 3.30pm.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321). Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free.

RUTH KLIGMAN: Mainly abstract paintings by an American artist best known for being in the car crash that killed Jackson Pollock.
The Otis Gallery, Metropolitan Wharf, Wapping Wall, London E1 (01-481 0691). Wed-Sun 11-6pm, free, until April 14.

GIACOMO MANSZU: A retrospective of work by an 80-year-old Italian figurative sculptor.
Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865-728608). Tues-Sat 10-4pm, Sun 2-4pm, free, until April 3.

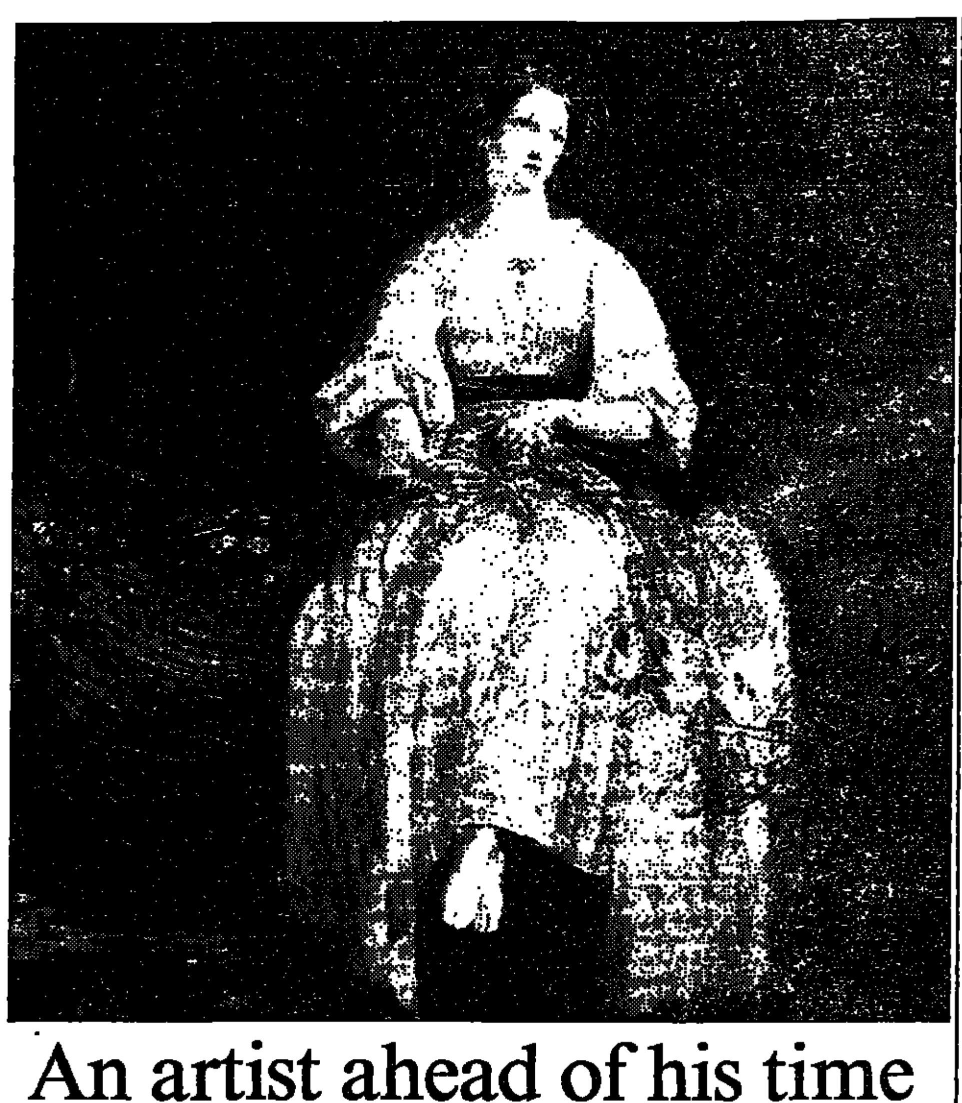
EDOUARD VUILLARD (1868-1940): A rare opportunity to see paintings, pastels, watercolours and drawings by a major French artist.
JPL Fine Arts, 26 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2630). Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, free, until April 15.

CHARLES HOLDEN (1875-1960): Drawings and models tracing the career of the architect most famous for London University and Art Deco tube stations.
RIBA Heinz Gallery, 21 Portman Square, London W1 (01-580 5533). Mon-Fri 11-5pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until April 23.

JOHN KEANE: Paintings based on the political realities of life in Nicaragua by an important young, history painter.
Angela Flowers Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 3089). Mon-Fri 10.30-6pm, Sat 10.30-12.30pm, free, until March 26.

DANCE

★ SYMPHONIC VARIATIONS: Ashton's lyrical masterpiece for the Royal Ballet, with Bintley's new *Still Life At the Penguin Café* and Robbins' witty *The Concert*.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.30-10pm, £6-16.



An artist ahead of his time

Richard Redgrave RA (*1804-1888*) was not the conventional Victorian artist he would appear to have been given the evidence of "Ophelia Weaving Her Garland" (above) painted in 1842. An exhibition currently at the Victoria and Albert Museum, while reminding us of the traditional academic qualities of his painting, revives Redgrave's reputation as a reformer, a champion of good industrial design. Although he is best known for sentimental pictures of jilted women, the oppressed poor and guaranteed tear-jerkers like his celebrated "The Emigrant's Last Sight of Home", his exhortations to improve the visual quality of household goods makes him a precursor of socialist radicals such as William Morris. Redgrave is definitely a man for the 1980s, being the embodiment of self-help, of design with everything, and sound job training. He was a tub-thumping educationalist, a committed believer in the improvement of public taste by using artists to design decorative household commodities. The exhibition features his own designs for glassware, shaving mugs and even the funeral carriage of the Duke of Wellington, an outlandish vehicle resembling a light tank covered with gilt. Redgrave was a man of considerable energy; when he wasn't painting, designing or lecturing, he was helping to organize the Great Exhibition of 1851, establishing 120 art schools and overseeing the development of the new museum complex in South Kensington. The exhibition, which describes all aspects of Redgrave's life and work, is at the Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-938 8344), Monday to Saturday, 10am-5.50pm, Sunday 2.30-5.50pm, free, until May 22. ***David Lee***

CONCERTS

☆ NATWEST PLEASURE: In the NatWest Bank "Classics for Pleasure" series, Alessandro Pinzauti conducts the LPO in Mussorgsky's *Night on the Bare Mountain, Three Dances from the Three-Cornered Hat* by Falla.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.25pm, £4.75.

★ COPLAND IN MEXICO: The Scottish National Orchestra, conducted by Leonard Slatkin, in Copland's *El Salon Mexico*.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155, cc 031-228 5756), 7.30pm, £2.50-£9.90.

☆ FROM BERLIN: The Berlin Piano Trio presents Mozart's Divertimento K254.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

MOZART/MAXWELL: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Mozart's *Nozze di Figaro* Overture and Symphony No 41 "Jupiter" plus his own Violin Concerto (soloist, Ernst Kovacic) and *An Orkney Wedding with Sunrise*.
City Hall, Candleriggs, Glasgow (041-227 5511), 7.30pm, £3-£8.

☆ DUBEAU DUETS: With Dale Barltett at the piano, Angela Dubeau plays violin sonatas by Leclair, Fauré (Op 13), Debussy, plus Stravinsky's *Suite Italienne*.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ RICHARD WILLIAMS: The LSO is conducted by Richard Williams in Berlioz's *Le Corsaire* Overture, Ravel's *Bolero*, Greig's Piano Concerto and the Mussorgsky-Ravel *Pictures at an Exhibition*.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£13.50.

OPERA

☆ UN BALLO IN MASCHERA: Cast changes tonight in the Royal Opera revival: Pierot Cappuccilli takes over as Anckarström, Anna Tomowa-Sintow as Amelia, Linda Kitchen as Oscar and Paul Crook as the Minister of Justice.
Covent Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066) 7.30-10.45pm, £2-£55.

☆ CAV AND PAG: Revival of Ian Judge's 1986 production for ENO.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.20pm, £2-21.50.

☆ RIGOLETTO: Noel Davies conducts student cast from Royal Northern College of Music.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester. (061-273 4504), 7-10.15pm, £3.50-£6.50.

ROCK

☆ THE HOTHOUSE FLOWERS: See caption.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0403), 7.30pm, £5.

☆ THE FALL: Mark E Smith presiding over a line-up that has proved the most commercially successful of the group's nine-year history.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £6.

Liam O' Maonlai (above), lead singer of Hothouse Flowers, has been tipped as a face to watch for this year. The group have just released a single, ***Feet On The Ground,*** **and there is a chance to see them live tonight in London at the Astoria (see listing). Their musical style is contemporary. with a touch of the celtic. An album is due in late spring.**

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) The Last Emperor
2(—) Someone to Watch Over Me
3 (2) Stakeout
4 (3) Fatal Attraction
5 (4) Nuts
6 (6) White Mischief
7 (8) Withnail and I
8 (7) Barfly
9 (9) Cry Freedom
10(—) Babette's Feast

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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 Fatal Attraction
2 The Last Emperor
3 Stakeout
4 Nuts
5 White Mischief

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UNITED STATES:
1 (1) Good Morning Vietnam
2(—) Vice Versa
3(—) Masquerade
4(—) Off Limits
5 (4) Moonstruck
6 (3) Frantic
7 (5) Three Men & A Baby
8 (2) Moving
9 (7) Shoot to Kill
10 (6) Switching Channels

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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Platoon
2 Blind Date
3 *Raw Deal*
4 Hamburger Hill
5 Superman IV

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★ THE POGUES: A return to the north London environs from which the group first sprang in 1982 as a ribald folk-punk nightmare called Pogue Mahone.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7pm, £7.50, also tomorrow.

☆ ASWAD: Veteran UK reggae group, currently enjoying chart success with "Don't Turn Around".
Coventry Polytechnic Students' Union, Priory Street (0203 21167) 8pm, £6.

JAZZ

GUY BARKER: The Clark Tracey Quintet's outstanding young trumpeter takes a night off to perform with surprise guests.
The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes (0908 583928) 8pm, £3.50.

BILLY BANG: American violinist whose work with The Jazz Doctors has earned him the tag of "avant-garde traditionalist".
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-668 2019) 9.30pm, £4.50.

RED RODNEY: Although his tour is sub-titled "Bird Lives!", Charlie Parker's former trumpeter player rations the be-bop standards.
Queen's Hotel, The Promenade, Cheltenham (info 0242 523690) 8pm, £5.

LOOSE TUBES: Penultimate night from the orchestral eccentrics, promoting their new LP, *Open Letter*.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £8 (members £6).

WALKS

JACK THE RIPPER'S VICTORIAN LONDON: meet Aldgate East tube, 11am. £2.50 (also Mar 30).

THE VICTORIAN CITY — A TALE OF DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3.

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (also next Fri).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (also next Fri).

A LONDON VILLAGE — CHELSEA: meet Sloane Square tube, 11am, £2.25.

JACK THE RIPPER HAUNTS: meet Aldgate tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

GOTHIC AND NEO-GOTHIC CHURCHES: meet Temple tube, 2.30pm, £2.45.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

LFO CATHEDRAL CLASSICS: Summer season of music in cathedrals includes visits to Manchester, Edinburgh, Paisley, Durham, Blackburn, St Asaph, Wakefield, Lincoln, Llandaff, Worcester, Salisbury, Hexham, and Westminster. May-July.
London Festival Orchestra, PO Box 287, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6BD.

BEETHOVEN AND THE PHILHARMONIC: four champagne supper concerts at Banqueting House, Whitehall, to celebrate 175th season of the Royal Philharmonic Society, featuring works commissioned by the Society from Beethoven. April 11 and 24, May 5 and 15.
Royal Philharmonic Box Office, 26 Bartholomew Close, London, SW18 (01-870-1655).

WAYANG KULIT JAVANESE SHADOW PLAY: Indonesian Ambassador Mr Suhartoyo as puppeteer in traditional shadow puppet play, accompanied by South Bank Centre Gamelan Players, directed by Alec Roth. April 9.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191) (01-928-9800 credit cards).

LAST CHANCE

THE MELODRAMATIC IMAGINATION: Exploration of roots of Hollywood melodrama in Victorian theatre, fiction and painting, including set designs, posters, and book illustrations. Ends Sat.
National Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-2033).

CONSERVATION: Exhibition describing hi-tech processes by which paintings are restored. Ends Sun.
Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge (0223 69501).

RAYMOND CHANDLER: Dulwich College exhibition of memorabilia to mark centenary of birth of College Old Boy Chandler, creator of American private eye Philip Marlowe. Plus production of *Bay City Blues*, dramatization of a Chandler story. Ends this weekend.
Dulwich College, London SE21 (01-299-0300).

GARDENS

ARGYLE: Kinlochlaich House Gardens, Appin, on A828, 27m SW of Fort William; walled garden incorporating Scotland's largest garden centre; splendid collection of plants: admission 50p by collection box; open daily 9.30-6pm.

CORNWALL: Lanhydrock, Bodmin; formal and shrub gardens of interest all year; daily during daylight hours; admission £1.60.

DEVON: Marwood Hill, Marwood, 4m N of Barnstaple; 20 acres, three small lakes, large collection of flowering shrubs, bulbs, rock and alpine scree; admission 50p, child 10p; daily dawn to dusk.

DUMBARTON: Glenarn, Rhu, on A814 between Helensburgh and Garelochead; woodland garden with fine collection of flowering shrubs and spring flowering plants; open sunrise to sunset until June 21; minimum donation in collecting box 50p.

DORSET: Abbotsbury Gardens, 9m NW of Weymouth, 9m SW of Dorchester, 200 yards west of Abbotsbury village; fine collection of flowering shrubs; peacocks; admission £1.50, OAPs £1; daily until October 23, 10-6pm.

DYFED: The Dingle, Crundale, off B4329 from Haverfordwest; three acres, plantsman's garden, unusual shrubs, woodland, scree, peacocks; admission 60p, child 30p; daily (except Tues) until October 23.

HAMPSHIRE: Bramdean House in Bramdean village on A272; masses of spring bulbs, walled garden, many unusual plants; admission £1, child free; Sunday March 20, Sundays April 3, 17, Monday April 4, Sundays May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21; open 2-5pm.

HEREFORD & WORCESTER: Abbey Dore Court, 11m SW of Hereford from A465 midway between Hereford-Abergavenny, turn W to Abbey Dore; four acres, unusual shrubs and plants, walled garden, ferns, National collection of sedums and euphorbias; plants for sale; admission £1, child 50p; daily except Wednesdays until October 23; 11-6pm.

SURREY: *Polesden Lacey*, 3m W of Dorking, 1½m S of Great Bookham, off A246 Leatherhead-Guildford Road; fine garden, many interesting plants; admission £1.20, daily 11 to sunset.

SUSSEX: Newick Park, Newick; many flowering shrubs, bulbs, primulas, ferns; admission £1, child 50p; daily until October 30, 10.30-6pm.

OTHER EVENTS

HARROGATE ANTIQUES FAIR: First day of a three-day fair with 30 specialist and general antique dealers selling furniture (Georgian, Regency and Victorian) porcelain and pottery (Meissen, Worcester, Derby and Doulton), silver, jewellery, treen, Victorian toys and dolls, clocks, oriental carpets and rugs and samplers. Five picture dealers selling 18th, 19th and 20th century paintings. Most items pre-1900, all vetted.
Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Today 1pm-8pm. Tomorrow 11am-6pm. Sunday 11am-5pm. (Information 01-550 5435). Adults £1.50, accompanied child free.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HAT: From today, six top British hatmakers show their new spring creations. All hats for sale. Commissions taken.
South Bank Craft Centre, South Bank, London SE1 (Further information 01-921 0600). Today until April 17, daily, noon-7pm. Free.

THE ANSCHLUSS EXHIBITION: To mark the 50th anniversary of Austria's annexation by Nazi Germany.
The Wiener Library, 4 Devonshire Street, London W1 (Further information 01-387 3952). Until March 24, Mon-Thurs 10-9.30pm. Sun 2pm-6.30pm. Free.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Gardens:** Roy Hay; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 01-638 8891/01-628 8795 Ton't 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Richard Williams (cond) Gwenneth Pryor (piano)

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.30 Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci. Tomor 7.30 (Last Perf) Orpheus in The Underworld.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066 / 1911. Stdby Info 01 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Un ballo in maschera. Tomor 7.30 Eugene Onegin.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. LAST 3 PERFS Ton 7.30. Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 New Sadler's Wells Opera present Noel Coward's BITTER SWEET. From 22 Mar: LONDON CITY BALLET.

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DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/4444. Ends Tomor Tricycle Theatre's TRINIDAD SISTERS by MUSTAPHA MATURA, after Chekov. 'Potent-throat catching magic' Std. 'Fresh funny & intriguing' FT. Eves 8pm Sat Mat 4pm. Tomor 11.15 pm Moosehead Theatrsport the Serious Alternative Cabaret.

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 4TH GREAT YEAR

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837/379 4444/240 7200/ 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S AND THEN THERE WERE NONE "QUITE IRRESISTIBLE" D Mir "TRUE COMEDY THRILLER" LBC. Eves 8 Mats Thu 3 Sat 5

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc with bkg fee First Call 24hr/7 days 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999/Open All Hours 379 4444 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 8.00. Wed mats 3.00. Sats 5.30 & 8.30. DINSDALE LANDEN HILARY TINDALL and JEREMY BULLOCH in DANGEROUS OBSESSION By N.J. Crisp "...HOLDS YOUR NERVES AT GUNPOINT" Daily Mail OVER 100 PERFS!

GARRICK 379 6107 CC 240 7200 24 hrs 7 days No bkg fee Grps 240 7941 NOEL COWARD'S EASY VIRTUE From 13 April Now Booking

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/ 741 9999. First Call 836 2428 (bkg fee). MAGGIE SMITH MARGARET TYZACK in LETTICE AND LOVAGE a new comedy by PETER SHAFFER with RICHARD PEARSON directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3.00

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evenings 7.45 Mat Sat 2.30 HOW THE OTHER HALF LOVES by ALAN AYCKBOURN. From March 23 THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 by John Bishop.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 MICHAEL HORDERN IRENE WORTH "A comic gem" Gdn. "A glorious performance" D.Tel and MICHAEL DENISON "...Nimble and Mercilessly Perceptive" S. Times in YOU NEVER CAN TELL by Bernard Shaw Toby Robertson's "splendidly choreographed production" D.Tel Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 3 00 First Call 24hr 7-day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 01-379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 01-930 6123

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL BALL Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Bookings now available Oct 3 '88 -April 1 '89 Postal Applications ONLY at Theatre

LYRIC W1 437 3686/734 5166 RUSS ABBOT ONE FOR THE ROAD By Willy Russell Evgs 7.30 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.40 1st Call 24 hr 7 day cc 240 7200. CCTB 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grps 930 6123. LAST 6 WEEKS!

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. (01 240 7200 CC 24hr 7 day Bkg fee for FAUST ONLY) Until 18 March FAUST Observers Course (Not Sats) (for info: please 'phone 01 741 8701) From 30 March Goethe's FAUST Parts 1 and 2. STUDIO: Eves 8pm Sat Mat 4pm WILLIAM RUSHTON in TALES FROM A LONG ROOM & UNCLE MORT'S NORTH COUNTRY. By Peter Tinniswood. EXTENDED TO 9 APRIL.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in 'The Best Thriller for years' S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times 8TH THRILLING YEAR!!

MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568/638 8891 cc 741 9999 & cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200 EMILE ZOLA'S NANA "REEKS OF SEX & PLEASURE" T. Out. Eves 7.30, Thur mat 2.30 Sat 4.30 & 8.00 THUR MAT ALL SEATS £6.

NATIONAL THEATRE SE1 Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Agencies, bkg fee: 379 4444/ 240 7200/741 9999 NATIONAL THEATRE OLIVIER Ton't 7.15, Tomor 2.00 & 7.15 'TIS PITY SHE'S A WHORE by John Ford LYTTELTON Ton't 7.45, Tomor 2.15 & 7.45 WAITING FOR GODOT by Samuel Beckett. COTTESLOE Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 A PLACE WITH THE PIGS new play by Athol Fugard. Cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10am.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or 01 405 1567. NOW BOOKING TO OCT 29

OLD VIC 928 7616 CC 261 1821. cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999. LIMITED SEASON - ENDS 9 APRIL. Eves 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 4.00 & 7.45. THE TUTOR By J M R Lenz, adapted by Brecht directed by Angelika Hurwicz

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours/ 741 9999 Grp 836 3962 "AN UNSTOPPABLE SUCCESS" D. Express BLUES IN THE NIGHT LOW PRICE SHOWS FRI & SAT 6.30. Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9.

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 24

PHOENIX THEATRE 01 836 2294 credit cards 240 9661/741 9999 & 24 hr cc with bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200 RIK MAYALL JOHN SESSIONS STEPHEN FRY JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR SARAH BERGER PAUL MOONEY THE COMMON PURSUIT written and directed by SIMON GRAY From 29 March. NOW BOOKING!

PLAYHOUSE 839 4401 CC First Call 836 2428 741 9999/379 4444 no bkg fee Grps 240 7941 Eves 8pm, Fri & Sat 6pm & 9pm "Ruth Madoc gives an outrageously extrovert performance" Eve Std in NITE CLUB CONFIDENTIAL The "New" '50s Musical Comedy "Terrific ...Great Fun" Observer Eves 8pm, Fri & Sat 6pm & 9pm

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5989 GEMMA CRAVEN EMILE BELCOURT RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S SOUTH PACIFIC "WALL-TO-WALL SHOW STOPPERS" D Exp "TERRIFIC" Times "A Great Musical" S Times Monday - Saturday 7.30 Matinees Wed & Sat 2.30 Credit Cards 24 hrs 01 836 3464 Group Sales 930 6123

QUEENS 734 1166/0261/0120 cc 379 4444/741 9999 24hr 7day cc 836 2428 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123. FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT "BRILLIANT" PA "A TRIUMPH" D Exp "A SMASH HIT" The People by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 4.30 & 8.0. SEATS AVAILABLE AT SOME PERFS. Please note new Sat Perf times

RAYMOND REVUEBAR CC 734 1593 Mon-Sat two shows nightly 8pm & 10pm. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA The Greatest Erotic Entertainment in the West End.

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. Until 26 Mar Leicester Haymarket The Royal Court & The Wrestling School present THE LAST SUPPER by Howard Barker. dir by Kenny Ireland. Eves 8pm, Sat Mat 4pm. "A stimulating & provocative evening" Std

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (bkg fee). Until 30 April. Eves 8pm. Mat Tomor 5pm. Wed 3pm JEAN ANDERSON JOHN DUTTINE PAUL EDDINGTON ANNA QUAYLE DOROTHY TUTIN JACK WATLING in TERENCE RATTIGAN'S THE BROWNING VERSION & HARLEQUINADE Eves 8 pm (Ton't 7 pm) Mats Sat 5 pm. Wed 3 pm. 27 Mar at 7.30 1 perf only All Star Cast in Charles Dickens' A TALE OF TWO CITIES Adapted by Terence Rattigan & John Gielgud

SAVOY THEATRE 01-836 8888 CC 379 6219/836 0479. CC (with bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/First Call 240 7200/CCTB 741 9999. Group Sales 930 6123 Eves 7.30, mats Wed & Sat 3.00 WINNER OF 2 OLIVIER AWARDS 1987 "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" N.Y. Post Royal Shakespeare Company in KISS ME KATE with JAMES SMILLIE NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN ANDREE BERNARD NICHOLA McAULIFFE - BEST ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL Olivier Awards 1987. "A DREAM TO SEE" D Exp

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 36TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES "THE GREATEST COMIC ENTERTAINER OF OUR TIME" Ind in BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! "BY FAR THE FUNNIEST NEW SHOW OF THE YEAR.. PHENOMENAL. EXPLOSIVE AND ENTERTAINING" Obs Mon-Fri 7 30 Sat 2.30 & 8. Season extended to June 11

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 BEST MUSICAL Laurence Olivier Awards 1987 Drama Magazine Awards 1987 Plays & Players Award 1987 Standard Drama Awards 1987 BEST MUSICAL DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" F.T. Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3. APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box office phones open 10am-8pm Discounts available for groups for Wed Mats.

STRATFORD UPON AVON Box Office & cc (0789) 295623 RST Orpheus of the Underworld Tonight, Tomor 7.30. Mat Tomor 2.30. Booking now open for new season: Royal Shakespeare Company at RST Much Ado About Nothing (from 7 Apr), Macbeth (28 Apr), Tempest (7 Jul). Swan Theatre Constant Couple (30 Mar), Plain Dealer (20 Apr), Man of Mode (6 Jul), Restoration (7 Sep) The Other Place, Across Oka (13 Apr), King John (4 May) Now Booking at Box Office or CC with bkg fee first call 01-240 7200 and usual ticket agents. Stop-over pkg Meal/ticket/hotel (0789) 414999.

VAUDEVILLE 836 9987/5645 PAULINE COLLINS in SHIRLEY VALENTINE By Willy Russell Directed by Simon Callow "Go to the Vaudeville at the first available gap in your diary" D. Mail Evgs 7.30 Mats Wed 2 30 1st Call 24hr 7 day cc 836 2428 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Season Must End April 30

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317 cc 741 9999 1st Call 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123. ROBERT HARDY & VIRGINIA McKENNA in WINNIE Songs...Laughter ..& Victory Prevs from May 19

WESTMINSTER 834 0283 CC 834 0048 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 - 24 hrs 7 days (bkg fee) 379 4444 Open All Hrs (bkg fee) THE MIRACLE WORKER by William Gibson Tues - Sat 7.45 Wed & Thurs Mat 2 30 Sat Mat 3.00 MATINEE TODAY 2.30

WHITEHALL 01 930 7765/839 4455 cc 379 6565/741 9999/379 4444/bkg fee 240 7200 Grps 836 3962 THE NEW TRIPLE AWARD WINNING COMEDY "AS FINE A PLAY AND PLAYING AS YOU WILL FIND THIS SIDE OF PARADISE" Daily Mail CURTAINS by Stephen Bill "EXPLOSIVELY FUNNY" Times Mon to Thu 8pm, Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45pm

WYNDHAM'S 836 3028 CC 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) and 741 9999/240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 836 3962. BEST PLAY Olivier Awards 87 And 4 other major Awards Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY Directed by Max Stafford-Clark Mon to Thu 8.0 Fri 3.0 & 8.15, Sat 4 0 & 8.15

ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8 Barbican Centre London EC2 01-638 4141 ext 306 KARSH plus HENRY PEACH ROBINSON photographs. Until 24 Apr Mon-Sat 10am - 6.45pm Sun & Bank hols 12-5.45pm Adm £3 conc £1.50.

Ken Howard A.R.A. March 17th - April 9th New Grafton Gallery 49 Church Road, Barnes SW13 Tel: 01-748 8850

BRITISH LIBRARY, Gt. Russell Street, London WC1. The international THE CITY IN MAPS. Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 2.30-6. Adm. free

CHRIS BEETLES LTD, 10 Ryder St, St James's, SW1. 01-839 7551. ROWLAND EMETT, OBE. - From Punch to Chitty Chitty Bang Bang...and beyond. 9-31st March. 10-5.30 daily inc Sat and Sun.

COLNAGHI/Martyn Gregory 14 Old Bond St. 01-491 7408. Watercolours of India in the 1820s by Thomas Prinsep. To 26 Mar Mon-Fri 10-6 Sats 10-1.

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond St. W1 01-629 5116. FOUR PAINTINGS FROM THE BRITISH EMBASSY AT ANKARA & OTHER OTTOMAN SUBJECTS also EILEEN HOGAN.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St. St. James's. 01-839 3942. DAVID BOMBERG - Major paintings and drawings Until 8 April. Mon-Fri 10-5.30, Sats 10-12.30.

FROST & REED 41 New Bond St. W1. 01-629 2457 Exhibition of FINE SPORTING PAINTINGS, until March 26th.

KING STREET GALLERIES, 17 King Street, St. James's, SW1. Tel:01-930 9392. JOHN HARGRAVE - Recent Paintings. Until 31 March.

LEGER, 13 Old Bond St. "THE FITCH COLLECTION" Major English Watercolours. Mon-Fri. 9.30-5 30. 01-629 3538.

MONTPELIER STUDIOS 4 Montpelier St. SW7. 01-584 0667. JOHN HITCHENS Recent Paintings until 9th April.

PARKIN GALLERY 11 Motcomb St. SW1. 01-235 8144. GIANNINO MARCHIG 1897-1983. Paintings & Drawings.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank SW1. young turner. Until 20 Mar. DOUGLAS COOPER COLLECTION. Until 4 Apr HANS HOFMANN: Late Paintings. Until 1 May. DAVID BOMBERG. Until 8 May. Recorded info. 01-821 7128.

THE SOCIETY OF BOTANICAL ARTISTS - Flowers & Gardens Exhibition. Open Monday-Saturday. 10am - 5pm. from 18th March to 30th March. THE WESTMINSTER GALLERY. Westminster Central Hall, Storey's Gate, London. Tel no 01-222 2723.

VICTOR COVERLEY-PRICE Exhibition of Oils and Watercolours. Alpine Gallery, 74 Audley St, W1. Mon 14th - Sat. 19th March 10am-5pm. 01-629 2280.

CINEMAS

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 John Huston's THE DEAD (U) 1.40 3.30 5.20 7.15 9.10.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Yves Montand in MANON DES SOURCES (PG) Film at 1 15 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.30. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 ALEC GUINNESS & DEREK JACOBI in LITTLE DORRIT (U) Part 1: Mon. Wed. 12.30; Fri. Sat. Sun. Tues. Thurs. 4.00; Fri. Mon. Wed 7.30. Part 2: Fri. Sat. Tues. Thurs 12.30; Mon. Wed 4.00; Sat. Sun. Tues. Thurs. 7.30.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. GRETA SCACCHI & CHARLES DANCE in WHITE MISCHIEF (18) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252) SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER ME (15) Sep progs Daily 1.10 3.40 6.10 8.45, Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.45pm. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/AmEx) 930 7615. 24 hour service.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Stephane Audran in BABETTE'S FEAST (U) 2.10 4.20 6.35 8.50.

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 WISH YOU WERE HERE (15) Daily 3 0 5.0 7.0 9.0

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) WITHNAIL AND I (15) Sep progs Daily 1.00 3.30 6.00 8 45. Late Night Show Sat 11.30pm. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. THE LAST EMPEROR (15) in 70mm Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 12.15 4.00 7.45. Doors open 12.00 3.30 7.15. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.45pm. Doors open 11 15pm. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ Amex) 930 3232 or 839 1929. 24 hour service.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) STAKEOUT (15) Sep progs Daily 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.30. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

RENOIR Brunswick Sq. WC1 (RUSSELL SQUARE TUBE) 837 8402
1. Kieslowski's NO END (18) 1.50 4.10 6.25 8.45
2. ANGEL DUST (Poussière d'Ange) (15) 2.40 4.45 6.50 9.00

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.

6.35 Edgar Kennedy in I'll Build it Myself (b/w). **6.55** Weather.

7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news and weather

9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061-814 0424. **9.20** Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on arranged marraiges — do they have a part to play in modern Britain?

10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25** **Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School**, presented by Kate Copstick with guest Ben Thomas (r), and **The Adventures of Spot** (r).

10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Patricia Hodge with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Susan Rae and Bob Wellings introduce programme makers to their critics.

12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live 12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** **Neighbours.** Hilda Mueller receives her come-uppance.

1.50 **Film: Dangerous Exile** (1957) starring Louis Jourdan, Belinda Lee and Keith Michell. Period piece, set on Caldy Island six years after the French Revolution, about the young Louis XVII who escapes from prison in France and reaches Wales by balloon where spies continue to threaten the life of the young monarch. Directed by Brian Desmond Hurst.

3.20 **Ask Margo.** Citizens' rights advice from Margo MacDonald

3.30 **Lifeline.** Alan Titchmarsh appeals on behalf of the Talking Newspaper Association of Great Britain (r). **3.40** Woody Woodpecker cartoon.

3.50 **Corners.** Young people's questions answered **4.10** Laurel and hardy. Cartoon version **4.15** Jackanory. Hannah Gordon with part five of Bill Rosen's *Andi's War* **4.25** Yogi Bear (r). **4.35** Knock Knock. Game show

5.00 **Newsround 5.05 Jossy's Giants.** Episode two of the five-part serial about a young football team (r). (Ceefax) **5.35** **Neighbours** (r).

6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Weather. **6.35** London Plus.

7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests include Alice Faye and Van Johnson. Plus, two more *Song for Europe* hopefuls.

7.40 **Every Second Counts.** Comedy quiz show

8.15 **Dynasty.** Jeff's marriage is on the rocks after a trip to New York involves him in a compromising situation; and Blake is forced to divest his business interests in order to further his political career. (Ceefax)

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 **Rockcliffe's Babies.** Rockcliffe and his team, on the trail of three missing villains, stake-out a local convent. Last in the series.

10.20 **Film: Carry On Loving** (1970) starring Sidney James, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques. Comedy chaos as the *Carry On* team take over the Wedded Bliss Marriage Agency. Directed by Gerald Thomas.

11.50 **The Rockford Files.** James investigates a murder mystery in which the chief suspect is a police chief (r).

12.35 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 **Open University:** Science — Magnetic Earth. Ends at **7.20.**

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.30 **Daytime on Two:** a play about three teenagers who start a photography club **9.52** Part nine of the novel *Geordie Racer* **10.15** How seasonal changes affect the people and wildlife of Glenshee **10.38** Fighting racism in the classroom **11.00** The story of *Johnny-Cake* **11.18** Logo **11.35** The senses: sight and sound **12.00** Why outsiders are so often the subject of novelists' stories **12.35** A Thai teenager has to choose between working on the family farm or a perilous career as a kick-boxer in the city **1.05** Bastille Day celebrations in Avignon **1.20** For the very young **1.38** Walrus **2.00** News and weather followed by a series for four- and five-year olds.

2.10 **Weekend Outlook:** A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (r).

2.15 **Sport on Friday** introduced by David Icke. **Snooker:** the first semifinal of the Fersina Windows World Cup from Bournemouth International Centre. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Clive Everton and Jack Karnehm; **Rugby Union:** a preview of tomorrow's games between Wales and France and England v Ireland; **Football:** a review of the week's news including European Cup action. News and weather at 3.00.

3.50 **News,** regional news and weather.

4.00 **International Snooker.** Further coverage of the first semifinal of the Fersina Windows World Cup, introduced by David Icke.

5.30 **Favourite Things.** Fashion designer Bruce Oldfield talks to Russell Harty about the things that give him the most pleasure (r).

6.00 **Film: House of Fear** (1944, b/w) starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce. Sherlock Holmes, in this mystery based on Conan Doyle's *The Adventures of the Five Orange Pips,* investigates the murder of members of a private club known as the Good Comrades, situated in a remote Scottish mansion. Directed by Roy William Neill.

Basil Rathbone: BBC2, 6.00pm

7.05 **The Birdsville Races.** A documentary about a day in September when the remote town of Birdsville in the Australian desert finds its 30-strong population swollen to 3,000 (r).

7.30 **On the House.** In this week's edition of the home refurbishment series Dr Desmond Morris explains to Pattie Coldwell how one's personality can be revealed by how we choose to decorate particular rooms; Harry Greene has advice for young Gloucester house-hunters; and Rick Ball restores a ceiling rose.

8.00 **A Place to Call Our Own.** A documentary about 46 families who have built their own homes in London's Docklands.

8.30 **Gardeners' World.** Clay Jones and John Kelly enjoy the delights of Tatton Park in Cheshire.

9.00 **French and Saunders.** Dawn and Jennifer in another selection of comic sketches aided and abetted by Raw Sex and, this week, Kirsty MacColl and Mavis Nicholson. (Ceefax)

9.30 **Arena: Robert Mapplethorpe.** (see Choice)

10.25 **Newsnight** presented by Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick **11.10** Weather.

11.15 **International Snooker.** Highlights of semifinal action in the Fersina Windows World Cup. Ends at **12.50am.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 **TV-am** with Good Morning Britain at **6.30** and **8.00** for half-an-hour [illegible] news, weather, financial news, sport and travel reports. After Nine includes Russell Grant's astrology slot.

9.25 Thames news.

9.30 **Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. This morning Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Cheryl Baker, Peter Dean, Nicky Henson, Judy Loe, Ian Ogilvy and Gillian Taylforth. **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25** News headlines.

10.30 **The Time... The Place... Soviet Special:** Anglo-Soviet relations are discussed by studio audiences in Nottingham and Moscow. Presented by Mike Scott and Leonid Zolotarevsky **11.25** Thames news headlines.

11.30 **Threescore Years and Then?** This fifth programme in the series examines how the elderly cope with bereavement **12.00** Gas Street. Music and chat show presented by Suzi Quatro.

12.30 **News** with Julia Somerville **12.50** Thames news.

1.00 **What's My Line?** Penelope Keith chairs another edition of the odd occupations quiz **1.30** **Man in a Suitcase.** The adventures of an ex-CIA agent-turned-troubleshooter. Starring Richard Bradford (r).

2.30 **In Loving Memory.** Comedy series about a firm of family-owned Yorkshire undertakers **3.00** Gems **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial.

4.00 **Revolting Animals. 4.10** The Moomins. Episode 14 (r). **4.20** **He-Man and the Masters of the Universe 4.45 Splash** with the top choices in the Look-In Star Awards.

5.15 **Connections.** General knowledge quiz game

5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart.

6.00 **The 6 O'Clock Show** introduced by Michael Aspel.

7.00 **The Price is Right.** Game show

8.00 **A Kind of Living.** Domestic comedy series starring Richard Griffiths, Frances de la Tour and Tim Healey. Boredom reigns in the Beasley household and [illegible] and Brian decide it is time to [illegible] — but [illegible] has other ideas. (Oracle)

8.30 [illegible] comedy [illegible] series [illegible] Emma Wray [illegible]

9.00 **The Professionals: Involvement.** While investigating an international drug-smuggling ring Doyle loses a friend and is then faced with suspension (r). (Oracle)

10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30** LWT News and weather.

10.35 **The London Programme** investigates the losing battle to combat violence on London's Underground. The police have attempted to use modern technology such as video cameras, walkie-talkies and alarms but this has seemed to have failed as tube-muggings have doubled during the first six weeks of 1988 compared to last year.

11.05 **South of Watford** examines the contrasting work of London-based painters Jock McFadyen and Duggie Fields.

11.35 **Film: Nightmare** (1973) starring Richard Crenna, Patty Duke Astin and Arlene Golonka. A made-for-television thriller about a man in Manhattan who believes he has seen a sniper shooting from a nearby window. When police investigations reveal no evidence he finds himself subjected to a growing terror campaign. Directed by William Hale.

1.00am **Night Network** includes videos, guests, live music and competitions.

4.00 **Basketball '88.** Notre Dame v Duke.

5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Schools:** children give their thoughts on the things that make them puzzled **9.42** Part two of the story of *Thumbelina* **9.59** Twinning a town in Britain with one in France **10.21** Important A-level chemistry experiments **10.43** GCSE pupils examine man's interaction with the environment **11.05** Secret places **11.22** The world of the telephonist **11.41** Uses of computers in the world today

12.00 **Business Daily.** Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.

12.30 **Abracadabra.** Part 10 of the 13-programme for children on science and technology investigates solar energy (r).

1.00 **On Course.** Weekly Open College trainers' magazine series presented by Anna Ford.

2.00 **The Parliament Programme** introduced by Nicholas Woolley. Reporters James Mate and Jackie Ashley review yesterday's debates in both Houses and look forward to those scheduled for today.

2.30 **Equinox: You Want Bells on It?** A documentary investigating alarms — or auditory warning systems — and why the modern ones do not achieve the required reaction. To make the public more aware engineers and psychologists are developing more reliable ways of raising the alarm. Security and fire protection systems are becoming more sophisticated but there is a major challenge provided by "high workload" environments such as flight decks of aircraft. Narrated by Martin Jarvis (r). (Oracle)

3.30 **Time to Remember** (b/w). Part 34 of the history of Britain from 1896 to the end of the Second World War focuses on 1943 when the country was the troop-assembling base for any assault on Hitler's western front. Narrated by Michael Redgrave (r).

4.00 **Mavis on 4.** Mavis Nicholson and her guests discuss the importance of work in our lives.

4.30 **Fifteen-to-One.** Fast-moving general knowledge game presented by William G. Stewart.

5.00 **Mister Ed** (b/w). Vintage American comedy series starring Alan Young.

5.30 **The Chart Show** part one.

6.00 **Dick Spanner.** A two-part yarn in which the animated private detective mixes with stars of Hollywood as he investigates *The Strange Affair of the Maltese Parrot.*

6.30 **The Chart Show** part two.

7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather.

7.50 **Book Choice.** Crime writer Ruth Rendell discusses Muriel Spark's new novel *A Far Cry From Kensington.* (Oracle)

8.00 **What the Papers Say** with Mark Lawson of *The Independent.*

8.15 **Dispatches** reviews a number of case histories of alleged charity fraud in order to examine loopholes in the existing charity laws.

9.00 **The Cosby Show.** American domestic comedy series (Oracle)

9.30 **How Does Your Garden Grow?** The fourth of six programmes in which Philip Wood and David Wilson explore private Ulster gardens. Tonight they visit Harold and Mary Wolseley and their garden above Belfast Lough and the town of Holywood. (Oracle)

10.00 **Cheers.** Comedy set in a Boston bar where, tonight, Norm is told that he cannot put any more beer on the "slate" because he owes $980. The boss, Ms Howe, decides he can work off the money by painting her office, during which time he discovers she is a really nice person. Starring George Gwent, Kirstie Alley, Ted Danson and Rhea Perlman. (Oracle)

10.30 **Friday Night Live** presented by Ben Elton and Harry Enfield. Live music and comedy show tonight featuring Lee Evans, a young comedian making his television debut who is described as a cross between Tommy Cooper and Phil Cool, singer Paul Johnson, pop band the Primitives and a comedy act called the Grand Theatre of Lemmings.

11.45 **After Dark: Licence to Kill?** An open-ended discussion chaired by Paul Sieghart.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 10.20 Sportdo [illegible] Today's [illegible] Screenplay [illegible] 11.20 Film: [illegible] 12.50am-12.55 [illegible] ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 8.00am-8.30 [illegible] Public Account SCOTLAND: [illegible] Natural Selection NORTHERN IRELAND: 10.15am-[illegible]

ANGLIA As London except: [illegible] News 1.30-3.00 Film: Trouble in Store' [illegible] Cross Question 11.35-1.05am Film: Most Wanted.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: When Worlds Collide 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.35 Enterprise Challenge 11.20 Making of Empire of the Sun 12.20am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Not Wanted on Voyage 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 Central Weekend 12.00 Oxford Street Midnight 12.30am Film: Terror on the 40th Floor 2.20 Roxy 2.50 America's Top Ten 3.20 Europe's Top Ten 3.50 Meltdown 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except: 12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Scramble 2.30-3.00 Week in View 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.30-7.00 Scramble 10.35 Best and Marsh. The Perfect Match 11.05 Kojak 12.00 Other Side of Midnight 12.30 Film: Terror on the 40th Floor 2.20 Roxy 2.50 America's Top Ten 3.20 Europe's Top Ten 3.45 Hall and Oates in Concert 4.50-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30 Wish You Were Here...? 2.00 Survival 2.30-3.00 Who's The Boss? 6.00-7.00 News 10.35 You're the Boss Review 11.05 Little Gloria Happy At Last 12.55am Film: Friendships, Secrets and Lies 2.20 Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Trouble in Store 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Friday Show 6.30-7.00 Televews 10.35 Shelley 11.05 Film: Play Dirty 1.10am Postscript, Closedown

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30 Falcon Crest 2.30 Nearest and Dearest 3.00 What's My Line? 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Taste of the South 10.35 Facing South 11.05 Film: Corridors of Blood 12.30am-1.00 Throb 4.00 Company.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Bank[illegible] 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Extra Time 10.35 Film: A Star is Born 12.35am Three's Company 12.45-5.00 Jobfinder

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm Newstime 1.30-3.00 Film: When the Bough Breaks 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sportsbeat 10.35 Witness 10.40 Sing Out 11.15 Film: Crime Club. The Last Kiss 12.35am News

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 News 1.30-3.00 Film: Love Thy Neighbour 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Intoview 10.35 Film: Golden Rendezvous 12.30am Roxy 1.00 Film: The Brotherhood 2.45 Jobfinder 3.45 Close

S4C Starts 9.30am Schools 12.00 Business Daily 12.30pm [illegible] Fifteen to One 1.00 Open College 2.00 Film: Two Girls and a Sailor 4.25 5 Lon Goch 4.35 Sreagon Y Byd 5.00 Monsters 5.30 Chart Show 6.00 Dick Spanner 6.30 Chart Show 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Cyfle Byw 8.30 Carreg Ateb 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.40 Film: Two Pursuits 11.40 After Dark 2.15am Close

RTE 1 Starts 2.00pm The Brothers 3.00 Live At Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.50 Newsline 5.15 A Little Princess 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 [illegible] Newstime 6.30 Play the Game 7.00 Evening Extra 7.30 Big Band TV Disco Show 8.00 Never the Twain 8.30 On the Town 9.00 News 9.30 Late Late Show 11.30 News 11.35 Film: Continental Divide 1.30am Close

RTE 2 Starts 5.10pm Sons and Daughters 5.40 Cartoon 5.50 In Search of the Magic of Stonehenge 6.15 Film: North Beach and Rawhide 8.00 Nacht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Sportsworld 9.35 O'Riada Retrospective 11.10 Mystery Theatre 12.10am Close

Self-portrait of Robert Mapplethorpe: an Arena profile of the photographer is screened on BBC2, at 9.30pm

The bare facts on Mapplethorpe

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **Arena** (BBC2, 9.30pm) profiles Robert Mapplethorpe. In case you are wondering, he is "America's most controversial photographer". So controversial that many of his pictures are considered unsuitable for showing on television and we have to make do with a series of blank spaces, with just the captions to feed our imagination. Mapplethorpe first attracted attention when he played the title role in an underground movie called *Robert Having His Nipple Pierced*. It is an oeuvre he now regards as "kinda silly". Going on to other things, he became famous/notorious for his photographs of male nudes, often black, and completely uninhibited. He was taken up by the chic New York homosexual community and acclaimed as a chronicler of 1970s permissiveness. One strand of critical opinion claims that he has raised the male nude to the status it enjoyed in classical painting. To others, he titillates the art world with pornography. There is much in Nigel Finch's film that could go straight into Pseud's Corner, though none of it emanates from Mapplethorpe himself. On the contrary, he is so reticent about his work that he ends up saying little useful about it. As often happens with iconoclasts, Mapplethorpe was taken up by the rich and fashionable and he charges $10,000 for a specially commissioned portrait. If his content is often shocking, there is no dispute about his talent. His mainstream portraits, of celebrities from Andy Warhol to Lord Snowdon and Kathleen Turner, are strikingly perceptive. But there is no need to take *Arena's* word for it. Next week, a Robert Mapplethorpe exhibition opens at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

Peter Waymark

Out of the maze

RADIO CHOICE

● Five episodes down. Four to go. At just past the half-way stage, the nine-part play cycle about Church and State under the Roman Empire, **Whose is the Kingdom?** (Radio 3, 8.00pm), will have doubtless shed its waverers and be holding its adherents in thrall. I have now joined the latter, after suffering periods of bleak confusion over names and aims in earlier episodes. In tonight's play, the storyteller Kybele (Elizabeth Spriggs) speaks of the Roman Empire's being a hedge-maze of subversion — "choose the wrong entry-point and your path is blocked by brambles. You get nowhere." The warning is a variant of what the plays' co-author, John Arden, has said about the overall nature of the cycle: "If you lose any one of these stories, you are damaging the presentation of the flow of Christianity as we have conceived it." Tonight: a spy story. Next week: the Council of Nicaea.

John Arden: Whose is the Kingdom?, R3, 8.00pm

● Tonight's edition of **Kaleidoscope** (Radio 4, 9.45) is both a bearer of hopeful tidings and a messenger of doom. It will bolster the optimism of those who think they are God's gift to pop music, and confirm the deep-down suspicions of those who fear they are selling their wares in a glutted market. The fate of both groups rests to a large extent in the hands of the pop record industry's talent spotters, the A and R brigade. Officially, the initials stand for Artists and Repertoire. *Kaleidoscope* explains why they might more aptly stand for Accept and Reject.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see below)
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies On the Piste (from St Anton, Austria) **3.00** Nicky Campbell **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young's Dance Music Show **10.00-12.00** The Friday Rock Show (with Tommy Vance). **FM** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on FM (see Radio 1)
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**).
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Jean Challis **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** Brian Blessed **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** Debbie Thrower **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Colin Purbrook at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** Serenade (Langham Orchestra) **10.30** The Grumbleweeds **11.00** Billy Butler (Cantabile) **1.00am** Bill Rennells **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times are given in GMT
6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Write On... **7.45** Seven Seas **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Virtuoso **8.30** Music Now **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News and Sports Roundup **9.45** Cannery Row **10.00** News **10.01** Juke Box Dury **10.15** Seven Seas **10.30** Jazz for the Asking **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Talking From... **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Business Matters **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty Four Hours **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Notebook **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Reluctant Debutante **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Northern Ireland **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty Four Hours **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Business Matters **9.45** Augustus Carp Esq By Himself **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Northern Ireland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News **1.30** Juke Box Dury **1.45** Nature Notebook **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Business Matters **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Education bulletin **6.55** News

7.00 Concert: Berlioz (Roman Carnival: Scottish National), Canteloube (A Pretty Shepherdess, Songs of the Auvergne: Kiri Te Kanawa, with ECO), Ravel (Ondine, from Gaspard de la Nuit: Ashkenazy, piano), Auric, Milhaud and Poulenc (excerpts from Les Mariés de la Tour Eiffel: Philharmonic) **7.30** News

7.35 Concert (contd): Saint-Saens (Phaéton symphonic poem: Philharmonia under Charles Dutoit), Pierné (Introduction and Variations on popular theme (Adolphe Sax Quartet), Chausson (Poème, Op 25: Grumiaux, violin, with Orchestra of the Concerts Lamoureux), Franck (Symphonic Variations: Alicia de Larrocha, with LPO) **8.30** News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Josquin. Organum Ensemble Clément Janequin perform Missa Pange lingua, with the liturgical chants for Corpus Christi

9.30 Chopin recital: Daniel Adni (piano) plays ballades Nos 1 in G minor, Op 23; 2 in F, Op 38; No 3 in A flat, Op 47; and No 4 in F minor, Op 52

10.05 Rustles of Spring: recordings of works by Debussy (Printemps: Orchestre de Paris), Schubert (Im Frühling, D 882: Hendricks, soprano and Lupu; piano), Tchaikovsky (March and April from The Seasons: Earl Wild, piano), Ives (Spring Song: Alexander, soprano, with Tan Crone, piano), Dvorak (Spring Song, Op 85: Radoslav Kvapil, piano), Strauss (Frühling, Four Last Songs: Popp, soprano, with LPO)

10.45 Operatic Oboe: Nicholas Daniel (oboe), Julius Drake (piano). Donizetti (Sonata in F), Rimsky-Korsakov (Hymn to the Sun, and Flight of the Bumble Bee), Rossini (Moment musicale; and Andante), Chopin (Variations on Rossini theme), and Henri Brod (Fantasia on themes from Lucia di Lammermoor)

11.25 BBC Scottish SO, under Alexander Gibson. With Geoffrey Trabichoff (violin). Borodin (Prince Igor overture), Sibelius (Rakastava), Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1), Beethoven (Symphony No 7) **1.00** News

1.05 Manchester Chamber Music: Domus perform Bridge's Phantasie Quartet, and Brahms's Piano Quartet in G minor

2.00 Rubbra Symphonies: Philharmonia under Norman Del Mar perform the No 8

2.35 An Italian Sound: Romanesca perform works by Caldara, Corelli and Veracini

3.05 Oundle International Organ Week: Stephen Farr (organ), with Choir of Clare College, Cambridge. Liszt's Via Crucis, Byrd's Two Christmas motets — O admirabile commertium, and Hodie Christus natus est; Britten's Te Deum in C; and Peter Maxwell Davies's O magnum mysterium

4.20 English Piano Music: Yolande Wrigley plays Ireland's Prelude in E flat, Kenneth Leighton's Conflicts; Op 51; and Ireland's Amberley Wild Brooks

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Rodney Slatford with recorded music

6.30 The Herd Instinct: John Fordham presents more recordings featuring the late Woody Herman **7.00** News

7.05 Third Ear: interview with Royal Shakespeare Company director Adrian Noble

7.30 Palestrina: London Oratory Choir perform the three-choir version of Missa Tu es Petrus

8.00 Whose is the Kingdom?: the fifth play in the sequence about Church and State under the Roman Empire. Written by John Arden and Margaretta D'Arcy. Tonight: Fowlers' Nets. With Elizabeth Spriggs, Michael N Harbour (see Choice)

9.00 Penelope Walker: song recital by the mezzo soprano, with Julius Drake (piano). Part one. The works include Tippet's Songs for Ariel; Donald Ford's A Prayer to Our Lady; and Stanford's The Fairy Lough

9.35 Words: a talk by Peter Atkins (r)

9.40 Penelope Walker recital (part two): the songs include Britten's A Charm of Lullabies; Ives's The Children's Hour, and Berceuse; Barber's Three Songs of James Joyce; and Ivor Gurney's Blaweary

10.25 Haydn: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra play Symphony No 63

11.00 Composers of the Week: Busoni. Excerpts from Doktor Faust: Fantasy on Bizet's Carmen; and Sonatina No 6

12.00 News **12.05** Close

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on FM

5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s)

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather

7.00 and **8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.50** Your Letters **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News bulletin

9.05 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is Brendan Foster, who picks some of his favourite recordings (r) (s)

9.45 Flashback: Novelist Joseph Hone revisits Yugoslavia after 30 years

10.00 News; International Assignment

10.30 Morning Story: Kilroy Was Here, by Sue Sully. The reader is Claire Falconbridge

10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 30 (s)

11.00 News; Analysis: Poor Little Rich Country. Roland Dallas examines the problems facing Argentina's democratic future (r)

11.47 On This Very Spot: Bedlam. Dr Roy Porter introduces a history, and present-day portrait, of the place

12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard

12.25 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper reports on food for the elderly **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Women's Hour: today's edition comes from Bristol. The projected items include another feature about cervical cancer, and interviews with photographer Nancy Honey and the Cornish folk singer Brenda Wootton

3.00 News: The Image of God: Second of five English Mystery Plays by David Buck. With Dennis Quilley (as God), John Rowe (as Jesus), Peter Jeffrey (Lucifer), Sue Jones-Davies (Mary), Stephen Murray (Abraham) and Timothy West. Today: Sacrifice (r) (s)

4.00 News bulletin

4.05 Nation of Shopkeepers: John Waite reports on five small businesses. (1) A Pet Shop in Stockport (r)

4.30 Kaleidoscope: another chance to hear last night's edition, which included items on the Old Masters Paintings exhibition at the Royal Academy, London; the Radio 4 series Soundtrack; and Count Rakowsky and the Zagrobi Mine Troupe at the Gate Theatre (r)

5.00 PM, presented by Gordon Clough **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 News, incl Financial Report

6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and his team with travel and transport news

7.00 News bulletin

7.05 The Archers: the latest news from Ambridge

7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard presents her selection from the week's television and radio programmes

8.20 Any Questions? Joining Jonathan Dimbleby in Oxford are Peter Lilley; Shirley Williams; Gordon Brown; and Trevor Clay

9.05 Law in Action: John Eidinow with the weekly magazine featuring issues arising from the courts and Parliament

9.30 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke

9.45 Kaleidoscope: David Roper joins talent-spotters who are constantly looking for new pop singers to promote. Includes contributions from David Rose; Tracey Bennett, Corder Marshall, Bernie Griffiths and Gordon Charlton

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Memoirs of a Midget, by Walter de la Mare. Read by Janet Maw (10 of 15) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight: with David Sells

11.00 Today in Parliament

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Week Ending: Satirical view of the week's news with Bill Wallis, David Tate, Sally Grace and Royce Mills

12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

FM as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00** pm For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** Scottish Traditional Dancing **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10** am Schools Night-Time. Secondary science

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.

From patriarchs to prophets: gems from the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, presented by The Times

The portraits that colour the past

Continued from page 1

Spain. It seemed a *not* insurmountable challenge to divert them to London. The Baron pondered, and then agreed. Next, Norman Rosenthal, the Royal Academy's exhibitions organizer, encouraged him to add a further group of masterworks to the list — such as Antonello da Messina's "Portrait of a Man"; Goya's "Asensio Julia" and Palma il Vecchio's "Portrait of a Young Woman".

Of particular British interest in the exhibition are the foreign artists who worked at the English court. One such was Hans Holbein the Younger, who produced the show's best known image: King Henry VIII. Another English subject is Canaletto's painting of Warwick Castle, commissioned by Lord Brooke, later the Earl of Warwick.

The exhibition includes a number of sublime landscapes, such as "Sunset Landscape" by the Dutch 17th century artist Aelbert Cuyp, and some powerful religious narratives, such as the haunting picture of the risen Christ by the Milanese artist Bramantino.

Characteristic of the Baron's collection is the emphasis on paintings of women. They include St Catherine, portrayed by the genius of dramatic effect, Caravaggio. She is shown after refusing to renounce Christianity, calm as she prepares for her martyrdom on a spiked wheel.

❝ A public collection is run by committees; the Thyssen collection has a coherence born of personal passion ❞

The art historian David Ekserdjian, writing in the exhibition catalogue, describes "La Toilette" by the French 18th century artist François Boucher: one woman reveals, as he puts it, "a great expanse of white petticoat beneath which a gleeful cat is playing with a ball of thread" as she fastens her garter, while her companion prepares to pass over a bonnet.

"Everything seems to warn that this little lady, so beautiful in her silvery-blue attire, would prove more trouble than she is worth, yet it is a mark of Boucher's genius that he at the same time makes it well nigh impossible to resist her appeal."

The entire Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, housed in the Villa Favorita at Castagnola, on Lake Lugano, is worth an estimated £250 million. Were it not for a few missing masters, such as Vermeer, Rembrandt and Botticelli, it would be more comprehensive than those in some of the greatest museums. And whereas a public collection is run by committees, the Thyssen-Bornemisza collection has a coherence born of personal passion.

"It is hard to see how it will ever be rivalled in the future, far less surpassed," Mr Ekserdjian says.

Commons Sketch appears on page 4

The collection boasts a preponderance of portraits: a total of 14 out of the 50 paintings at the exhibition are of single individuals, usually patrons who wanted to buy immortality. Here is King Henry VIII (left) in full fig, as portrayed by Hans Holbein the Younger. As the art historian David Ekserdjian says in his catalogue, the artist portrays his subject "on a small scale, with a delicacy of touch and an attention to detail that are worthy of a miniaturist" but, in his jaunty hat, he "seems about to erupt and burst free of the confines of the picture space". Above, Hans Memling's "Portrait of a Young Man", dressed in a black fur gown and kneeling solemnly in prayer, possibly before a representation of the Virgin and Child which is now lost. Below, Hans Baldung's liberated 15th century lady, with her steady, provocative gaze, low bodice and fox-coloured hair, may have been an image of beauty from the artist's imagination, dreamt up specially for the private delectation of the painting's original owner.

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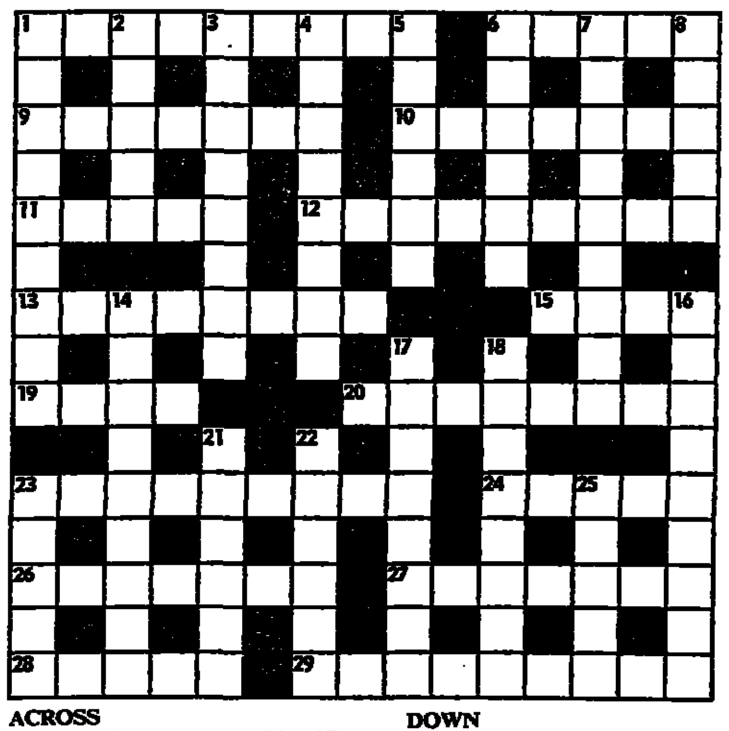

ACROSS

1 Caught in the act, describing Ulster's badge (3-6).
6 It's this wine that may cause domestic upheaval (5).
9 Criticize war-time legislation as the source of many ills (7).
10 Festive occasion round here abroad in Spain (7).
11 A single withered French flower (5).
12 I get a rule changed by the local Nazi boss (9).
13 Fixes directions at the end of a page (8).
15 What's the matter about money? It's an advantage (4).
19 Had a terrible time getting fruit from this (4).
20 Boss given a turn by the new arrival (8).
23 Idle learner sure to be confounded without this calculator (5-4).
24 Sunbathed, topless, as requested (5).
26 Slatternly type of Barset chronicler, we hear (7).
27 With endless work advanced to become rich (7).
28 So smart a guy, Bumppo the deerslayer (5).
29 Jack Ketch's attachment to hosiery (9).

DOWN

1 Put material on edge and tear a strip off (9).
2 Stupid fellow caught hiding in a sand-hill (5).
3 Lack of capital cover by oil organization inter alia (8).
4 Game that may give one a cold? (8).
5 Canoe of superannuated type back in service (3-3).
6 Pound metal roughly with a hammer (6).
7 Hamlet's fell sergeant includes many over fifty on this sporting contest (9).
8 Academic appointment taken by the president (5).
14 Lane describing our present government (9).
16 Getting out of bed, one seeking engagement as a journalist (3-6).
17 Firm on prohibition, America is breaking a commandment (8).
18 Rising artist, fully developed, is a bit of a dynamo (8).
21 Mix-up when grassland is covered by the sea (6).
22 Commotion caused by the odd Manx cat (6).
23 Material that fetches money in Cape Town (5).
25 Say, want to make some dough? (5).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

FROG SLANG

By Philip Howard

NOURISSON
a. A wet nurse
b. A useless hand
c. A titbit or treat

CINTRE
a. A strapless bra
b. Handlebars
c. Cheeky or immodest

TOMBÉ
a. A pushover
b. A funeral director
c. A motorway pile-up

BISTROTE
a. A female fresher
b. A pub crawl
c. A landlady

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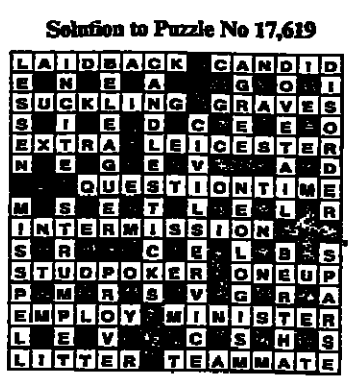
Solution to Puzzle No 17,619



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WEATHER

Scotland and most of England will start dry and bright. Rain already into Northern Ireland, most of Wales, and south-west England will spread quite quickly north-east over the rest of the country. Snow is likely in northern England and Scotland, where it will drift in the strong south-easterly winds. Temperatures near average for mid-March. Outlook: Unsettled with more rain. Becoming milder.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	c	Majorca	21	70	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	24	75	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Malta	18	64	s
Athens	17	63	f	Mexico C*	23	73	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Miami*	18	64	s
Barbados*	29	84	f	Milan	18	64	s
Barcelna	21	70	f	Nairobi	29	84	f
Bermuda*	14	57	c	Naples	17	63	f
Biarritz	12	54	c	N Delhi	25	77	s
Brussels	4	39	c	N York*	4	39	f
B Aires*	30	86	s	Nice	22	72	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Paris	8	46	r
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Perth	35	95	s
C'blanca	17	63	s	Rhodes	16	61	f
Chicago*	3	37	c	Rome	16	61	s
Ch'church	16	61	s	S F'risco*	15	59	s
C'phagn	-1	30	sn	S Paulo*	27	81	c
Corfu	14	57	c	Sing'por	32	90	f
Dublin	7	45	c	Strasb'rg	6	43	r
Dubrovnik	10	50	r	Sydney	22	72	s
Faro	18	64	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Florence	17	63	f	Tel aviv	19	66	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Tenerife	20	68	f
Geneva	7	45	f	Tokyo	5	41	r
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Toronto*	1	34	c
Istanbul	16	61	f	Valencia	24	75	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	s
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Venice	15	59	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vienna	8	46	c
Lisbon	16	61	s	Warsaw	5	41	r
Locarno	17	63	f	Wash'ton*	1	34	sn
L Angels*	15	59	s	Wel'nton	13	55	s
Madrid	16	61	s	Zurich	5	41	r

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.44	7.2	2.13	7.6
Aberdeen	1.17	4.4	1.19	4.6
Avonmouth	7.21	14.0	7.45	14.0
Belfast	10.59	3.7	11.25	3.4
Cardiff	7.06	12.9	7.30	12.9
Devonport	6.07	5.9	6.33	5.8
Dover	11.06	6.7	11.26	6.9
Falmouth	5.37	5.7	6.03	5.8
Glasgow	12.49	4.6	1.02	5.1
Harwich	—	—	12.07	4.1
Holyhead	10.16	6.0	10.42	5.7
Hull	6.27	7.6	6.24	8.1
Ilfracombe	6.05	9.7	6.27	9.6
Leith	2.33	5.7	2.43	5.9
Liverpool	11.20	10.1	11.46	9.8
Lowestoft	9.43	2.4	9.34	2.6
Margate	—	—	12.28	4.9
Milford Haven	6.19	7.6	6.41	7.4
Newquay	5.09	7.6	5.31	7.4
Oban	5.56	4.4	6.17	4.1
Penzance	6.02	6.0	5.30	5.9
Portland	7.05	2.4	7.43	2.3
Portsmouth	11.28	4.8	11.59	4.9
Shoreham	11.15	6.5	11.46	6.6
Southampton	10.51	4.6	11.19	4.8
Swansea	6.28	10.1	6.49	10.0
Tees	3.45	5.5	3.52	5.8
W'ton-on-Nze	11.56	4.3	—	—

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.11	8	46	dull
Hunstanton	1.6	.03	7	45	shower
Cromer	1.4	-	9	48	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
Clacton	2.3	.01	11	52	cloudy
Hastings	2.4	.09	11	52	shower
Brighton	2.6	.09	12	54	shower
Worthing	3.1	.07	13	55	shower
Bognor R	4.5	.05	13	55	bright
Shanklin	5.9	.26	11	52	shower
Bournemth	6.1	.05	12	54	bright
Weymouth	6.4	.03	12	54	shower
Exmouth	4.5	.11	11	52	bright
Torquay	7.5	.13	12	54	sunny
Penzance	5.0	.14	12	54	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.4	.13	11	52	sunny
Newquay	4.6	-	11	52	sunny
Minehead	5.3	.15	11	52	shower
Morecambe	0.1	.04	7	45	dull
Douglas	*	.06	7	45	cloudy
Carlisle	0.4	.25	6	43	dull
Nottingham	1.8	.06	8	46	rain
Anglesey	2.0	.02	9	48	cloudy
Tenby	3.1	.33	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	6.1	.67	6	43	shower
Aviemore	1.8	.63	4	39	snow
Eskdalemuir	0.1	.13	4	39	rain
Kinloss	3.7	.57	7	45	sunny
Lerwick	10.0	.01	6	43	sunny
Prestwick	-	.09	6	43	rain
Stornoway	4.4	.10	7	45	shower
Tiree	2.3	.03	8	46	bright

* Denotes figures not available
These are Wednesday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.59	2.45
Austria Sch	22.55	21.45
Belgium Fr	67.20	63.90
Canada $	2.39	2.27
Denmark Kr	12.32	11.72
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.38
France Fr	10.86	10.36
Germany Dm	3.207	3.047
Greece Dr	250	238
Hong Kong $	14.80	14.10
Ireland Pt	1.201	1.141
Italy Lira	2370	2260
Japan Yen	246	234
Netherlands Gld	3.60	3.43
Norway Kr	12.15	11.55
Portugal Esc	261	248
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.80
Spain Pta	214.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	11.39	10.84
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.52
USA $	1.915	1.825
Yugoslavia Dnr	2850	2250

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.3 (January).

London: The *FT* Index closed up 3.2 at 1452.1.

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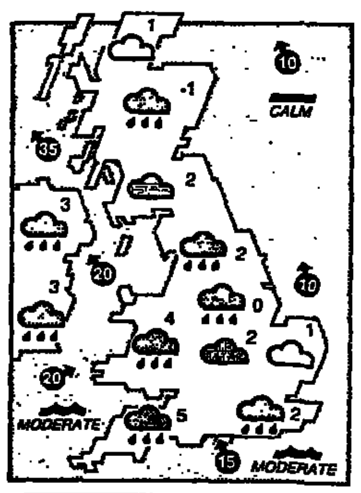
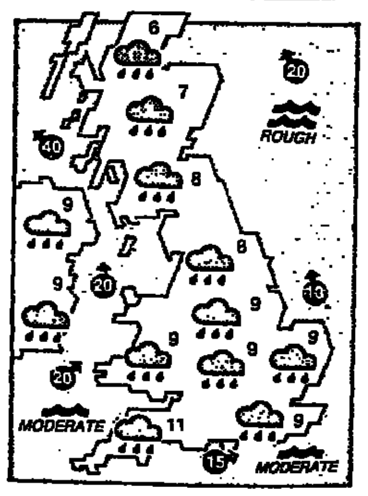


PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity: 6 pm, 46 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1008.2 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Inverness, Highland, 0.87 in; highest sunshine: Lerwick, Shetland, 10 hr.

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
6.08 am	6.11 pm
Moon rises	Moon sets
6.14 am	7.04 pm

New Moon 2.02 am

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.41 pm to 5.35 am
Bristol 6.50 pm to 5.45 am
Edinburgh 6.53 pm to 5.47 am
Manchester 6.49 pm to 5.44 am
Penzance 7.02 pm to 5.57 am

MANCHESTER

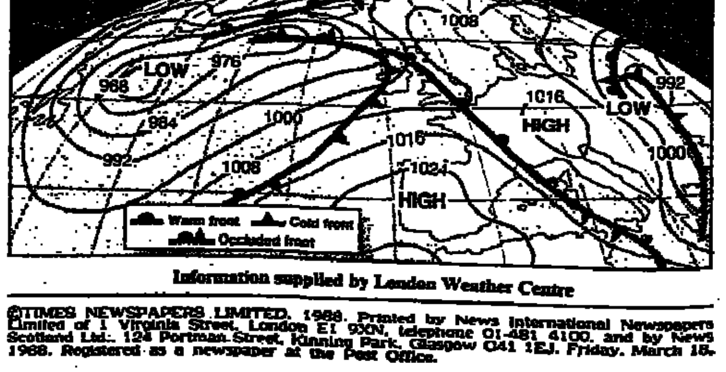
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.8 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	7	45	f	Guernsey	9	48	r
B'rmgham	8	46	f	Inverness	4	39	f
Blackpool	8	46	s	Jersey	9	48	r
Bristol	7	45	f	London	10	50	f
Cardiff	8	46	f	M'nchster	8	46	s
Edinburgh	6	43	f	Newcastle	7	45	s
Glasgow	7	45	s	R'nldsway	7	45	f

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1459.1 (+3.2)

FT-SE 100
1828.1 (+2.4)

Bargains
31986 (30600)

USM (Datastream)
[illegible] (-0.42)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8355 (-0.0145)

W German mark
3.0965 (+0.0086)

Trade-weighted
77.4 (same)

Peachey advisers censured

The Takeover Panel last night censured the financial advisers acting for Peachey Property group in its £58 million cash bid for Estates Property Investment Company (Epic).

Phillips & Drew, the broker to Peachey, bought a block of 200,000 shares in Epic from Warburg Securities, the market-making arm of SG Warburg, which was also acting as Peachey's adviser in the bid. This inadvertently contravened Rule 38.2 of the City code on takeovers.

The Panel said it was satisfied that the breaches arose from "ineffective communication within Phillips & Drew and Warburg Securities as to the relationship the two organizations had with Peachey."

The Panel considered that "Phillips & Drew has primary responsibility in this case and is to be criticized." However, it added that "Warburg Securities must also accept a degree of criticism."

Campeau plan

Campeau Corporation yesterday clarified earlier reports by saying that it is not contemplating changing the two-tier nature of its offer while the offer of RH Macy and Co for Federated Department Stores remains two-tiered.

Mayborn up

Mayborn Group, the USM-quoted manufacturer of domestic [illegible] and household products, made pretax profits last year of £2.4 million, slightly up on the previous £2 [illegible] months.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 2070.79 (+6.47)*
[illegible] Average 25872.29 (+167.86)
[illegible] 2581.23 (+26.29)
[illegible] Gen 295.1 (+1.5)
[illegible] 1383.8 (+25.9)
[illegible] 1433.5 (+6.8)
[illegible]
[illegible] 295.9 (+1.8)
[illegible] 461.1 (-1.3)
[illegible] 938.36 (+1.24)
[illegible] 500 1062.66 (+1.21)
FT. Gold Mines 244.2 (-2.6)
FT. Fixed interest 97.68 (+0.11)
FT. Govt Secs 90.51 (-0.02)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:

Antofagasta	275p	(+28p)
Campari	295½p	(+16p)
Parrish	250p	(+17p)
Turnbull Scott	655p	(+20p)
CASE Group	77½p	(+15p)
Costain	317½p	(+13p)
Sharpe & Fisher	205p	(+13p)
Silkolene	303p	(+18p)
Carlton Comm	770p	(+17p)
Watmough	405p	(+15p)
Caird Group	162½p	(+15p)
Lookers	170p	(+13p)
Thorn EMI	602½p	(+12p)
Concorde Energy	64½p	(+12p)
Exploration	165p	(+10p)
Countryside	303½p	(+10p)
Centreway	175p	(+10p)

FALLS:

Henderson Admin	640p	(-15p)
Hardanger	700p	(-25p)
Throg Dual	305p	(-10p)

Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 8¾-8⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 8 11/32-8 9/16%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6 7/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.59-5.57%*
30-year bonds 103 9/16-103¾%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8355	£: $1.8390*
£: DM3.0965	$: DM1.6855*
£: SwFr2.5642	$: SwFr1.3970*
£: FFr10.5156	$: FFr5.7265*
£: Yen235.68	$: Yen128.35*
£: Index:77.4	$: Index:94.0
ECU £0.689349	SDR £0.743560

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $445.35 pm-$445.50
close $443.00-443.50 (£241.00-241.50)
New York:
Comex $441.70-442.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Apr.) pm $14.50bbl ($14.53)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Jobless fall to six-year low

Ministers worried by 8.5% rise in earnings

By David Smith, [illegible]

Unemployment continued its fall last month, down by 33,400 to a six-year low. But there are signs that the downward trend [illegible].

The unemployment total, seasonally adjusted, fell to 2,531,300, or 9.1 per cent of the workforce, its lowest since February 1982, and its 19th consecutive monthly fall.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, said that Britain's unemployment rate was below that of some other European countries, including France, Belgium and the Netherlands. "The fall in the past year has been faster than in any other industrialized country," he said.

Pay continues to be a worry for ministers, however. The rise in average earnings in the 12 months to January was 8.5 per cent, compared with an inflation rate in the same month of 3.3 per cent.

The increase in earnings was unchanged on the previous month but, within the figures, the rise in manufacturing earnings edged up from 8.25 to 8.5 per cent, while the increase in earnings in the service industries moderated.

Officials at the Department of Employment said that high levels of overtime in manufacturing — with an average of 14.54 million hours worked each week in January, the highest for eight years — boosted earnings.

The concern over pay [illegible] the fact that strong growth in productivity is [illegible] [illegible] costs in manufacturing [illegible] up by only 1.5 per cent on a year earlier [illegible] employed in [illegible] per cent.

"The latest unemployment and vacancy figures [illegible] pressures, which [illegible] in the City, where there have been worries about the economy overheating.

"We are beginning to get a cluster of figures which take the edge off the overheating argument," said Mr Bill Allen, a director of Greenwell Montagu Gilt-Edged.

The unadjusted jobless total, including school leavers, fell by 56,685 to 2,665,469 last month.

On the more representative seasonally adjusted measure, the fall in unemployment in the six months to February averaged 49,000 a month, in line with the recent downward trend. But in the three months to January the fall was only 39,800 a month.

Officials said that it was probable that the downward trend in unemployment was moderating, in line with the Chancellor's expectation, expressed in his Budget speech on Tuesday, that the fall in unemployment will ease off this year.

Vacancies at Jobcentres [illegible] to 247,900 [illegible] the third [illegible] monthly fall.

[illegible] of overtime [illegible] January, taken [illegible] manufacturing [illegible], provides [illegible] that companies [illegible] existing [illegible] work longer [illegible] may be more [illegible] employing extra [illegible].

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's Employment spokesman, attacked the money "thrown away" in higher tax cuts in Tuesday's Budget at a time when the downward trend in unemployment is moderating. He also questioned the accuracy of the figures.

"The fall in the unemployment count is slowing, even though it still remains at double the level of 1979," he said.

"Even this modest drop is thrown into doubt by this year's Labour Force Survey, which shows unemployemnt falling at only one-seventh the rate claimed in the Government's unemployment count."

The latest figures for industrial disputes were regarded as encouraging by the Department of Employment. In the 12 months to January there were just 867 industrial stoppages, the lowest 12-month figure since the war.

Dollar boosted as US trade figures beat expectations

From [illegible] Morris, Washington

The US trade deficit [illegible] only slightly to [illegible] billion (£6.7 [illegible]) from the surprisingly [illegible] $12.2 billion in December, providing a strong [illegible] dollar and to share [illegible] in early trading yesterday.

Analysts had expected a much larger trade gap in January, of [illegible] $12.7 billion and [illegible]. The better than [illegible] figures pointed to [illegible] strength in the [illegible], and bolstered the [illegible] Administration's [illegible] that America [illegible] of its trade [illegible].

In [illegible] dollar strengthened [illegible], closing [illegible] against sterling.

In US markets, the only negative influence yesterday was the government's announcement that it would supply an *initial* cash infusion of more than $1 billion to the troubled First Republic Bank of Dallas, to stem a huge deposit run which had threatened the health of other Texas banks.

Government regulators, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, also took the unusual step of announcing a blanket guarantee of all [illegible] and [illegible] to restore confidence in the bank holding company.

Mr William Verity, the US Commerce Secretary, said that even though US exports fell 10 per cent to [illegible] billion, the decline was seasonal and compared with record exports of [illegible] in December. In sharp contrast to 1987, US exports have risen 20 per cent in real terms in what the Administration attributed to a manufacturing renaissance, Mr Verity said.

The US economy, which had been expected to slip into a steep decline after the market crash in October, generally showed surprising signs of vitality over the short term.

Consumer spending, which slowed after the market crash, has picked up again.

£22m drop at Morgan Grenfell

By Richard Thomson
Banking Correspondent

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banking group, yesterday reported a £22 million drop in pretax profits for 1987, following heavy losses in the stock market crash. The group's underlying performance, however, was £30 million lower after exceptional items were excluded.

Morgan produced profits of [illegible] million, compared with [illegible] million previously.

British equity trading lost about £20 million during and after the crash to end the year with a pretax loss of about £10 million.

Corporate finance operations also suffered from the drop in activity after the crash, while fund management produced almost flat profits of £15.8 million as the fall in share prices reduced the value of fund under management.

The sale of Target, the unit trust mangement company, added an exceptional £26.6 million to group profits.

It made a further £8.7 million provision against Third World debt

Hurricane blows insurer off course

An ill wind: more weather problems yesterday for Joe Palmer (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

L&G to lift rates after storm reduces profits to £68.3m

By Alison Eadie

Legal & General, Britain's second largest quoted life insurance company, made lower pretax profits in the year to the end of December of £68.3 million, against £73.5 million the previous year.

The decline was caused by the October hurricane, which cost L&G £42 million net of reinsurance, or £60 million gross. But for the hurricane, pretax profits would have risen by 50 per cent to a record £110.3 million. A final dividend of 7.7p was recommended giving a total increase for the year of 18 per cent.

L&G is one of the first insurers to make the decision to put up household insurance rates. A rise of 10 per cent is expected in May or June.

Mr Joe Palmer, group chief executive, said: "While obviously disappointing at being unable to show an improvement over 1986 in profit attributable to shareholders, there has been a major improvement in the operating and financial strength of the group.

"Analysis of our figures shows clearly that L&G's core business of life, pensions and general insurance are in great shape."

Total life and pensions business premium income rose by 29 per cent to £1.2 billion and total general insurance business premium income rose to £314.5 million against £289.9 million.

"Adverse currency movements knocked [illegible] million off pretax profits, but the effects of the stock market crash on the group's investment portfolio were [illegible] by the significant proportion invested in property, which had a better than average year.

"The continued strong investment and operating performance of the UK life fund allowed L&G to declare a special bonus for policy holders for the second consecutive year. The shareholders' transfer arising from the bonus provided a pretax contribution of £10.9 million against £28.3 million in 1986.

Britoil turns in £404m profits

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Profits in line with the forecasts made by Britoil during its attempt to beat off the BP takeover earlier this year have been announced by the Glasgow based independent, which for a few more days can still claim the title of the "world's largest pure exploration oil company."

In its last set of full year results — the company will shortly become a fully integrated subsidiary of BP — profits of £142 million after tax and £404 million pretax have been made.

Profits rose by more than four times compared with 1986, when Britoil was badly hit by the fall in oil prices and losses in its US operations, which were subsequently sold. The profit of £142 million after tax compares with a profit of £33 million in 1986.

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Britoil's payment of petroleum revenue tax doubled, from £76.8 million to £188 million in 1987, reflecting the more tax effective use of its assets that Britoil had been making prior to the surprise launch of BP's takeover.

BP controls just under 93 per cent of Britoil and is likely to take over the remaining shares without having to resort to the compulsory purchase facilities. The Britoil board has recommended that all shareholders who have not accepted the BP offer of 500p a share should do so.

Britoil's financial advisers have been in touch with BP over the accounts and, because of the size of the BP holding in Britoil, a decision on the size of the final dividend to be paid has been deferred. An interim dividend of 3p a share for the first half of 1987 has been paid and the directors had a target of a final dividend of 9p, making the full-year 12p compared to 8p paid in 1986.

BP managers are having discussions in Glasgow on how the company should be integrated and legal work is still taking place on new articles of association which will be drawn up to meet the conditions imposed by the Government when it gave BP the all clear to takeover Britoil.

Until the legal formalities have been concluded BP will not be able to announce details of how it intends to expand the Britoil operations in Glasgow and pass on responsibility to the new Glasgow division for its North Sea, onshore and Irish operations. No job losses have been announced in Glasgow and BP has said that it will be taking on more staff

Packer and Brierley in bid for Bell

Sir Ron Brierley and Mr Kerry Packer joined forces last night to launch a £380 million takeover bid for financier Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Resources.

Industrial Equity, an investment concern controlled by New Zealand financier Sir Ron and Consolidated Press Holdings, a publishing group run by Mr Packer, are offering Aus$1.50 (60p) a share for Bell, against a market price of Aus$1.35.

Mr Holmes à Court arranged last month for Bell Resources to bid for Bell Group Ltd, in which he has a personal 45 per cent stake.

Industrial Equity and Consolidated Press said their bid is conditional on Bell Resources withdrawing its bid for Bell Group.

BTR's £590m celebration

By Colin Campbell

BTR, celebrating its 21st year of consecutive growth, yesterday reported 1987 pretax profits of £590 million for a 16.8 per cent advance on a like-for-like basis.

But for currency movements, BTR would have shown a 27.7 per cent advance.

Sir Owen Green, the chairman, said operating margins had improved from 13.9 per cent to 15 per cent on sales that reached £4.15 billion, and that the main increase in profits had been organically generated.

BTR is raising its final dividend from 4.75p to 5.5p a share, making a year's payment of 9.7p (8.25p). Initially, the shares reacted with a 10p slide, but further consideration of prospects in 1988, and an appreciation of the impact that currency movements had on BTR last year, saw the shares regain lost ground to close 2p higher at 262p.

On a geographical basis, Europe contributed profits of £352 million (£327 million), the West £139 million (£147 million) and operations in the East £130 million (£83 million).

By business segment, the group's diverse consumer-related interests contributed £151 million (£150 million), industrial interests brought in £149 million (£138 million) and construction activities £113 million (£104 million).

Twenty-year tenancies for 'entrepreneurial licensees'

GrandMet to untie 3,600 pubs

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Grand Metropolitan, one of Britain's big five brewers, is introducing a system of 20-year assignable leases for its 3,600 tenanted public houses — a radical departure from the traditional tied-house system.

GrandMet recently sold off about 700 small tenanted pubs, which, it felt, had limited growth potential, and is now turning its attention to boosting the "entrepreneurial licensee".

Mr Allen Sheppard, the chairman and group chief executive of GrandMet, said: "The 1990s will be tough, competitive years and to be a winner a brewer will need strong brands and excellent pubs, run by highly skilled retailers, as well as being cost-efficient."

Mr John McGrath, the chairman and managing director of Grand Metropolitan Brewing, the divisional operation which covers Watney Mann and Truman brewing interests, said that the move should give those who win the new licences a better chance to profit from their labours.

Under the tied-house system, developed over more than a century, pub tenants have normally had agreements extending over two to three years. New agreements have usually signalled new levels of rents, which have risen as a pub's trade has grown.

In the past, the brewer has provided the capital when a pub needed refurbishment, with costs often amounting to £300,000 and more for a single outlet. Under the new system, responsibility for refurbishment will fall on the licensee. GrandMet is making arrangements with clearing banks to help smooth the way for licensees needing substantial loans for such work.

The licensee will also remain tied to selling whatever beer or cider is specified by the brewer, although in some areas this will include beers from other brewers.

Rent reviews — a source of friction between tenant and brewer in the past — will remain, but these will now take place ever five years, rather than the present two to three. They will be flat rents, and not vary according to turnover.

Making the new leases assignable means the licensees will be able to sell them on, and, for the first time, benefit from any goodwill value which has been built up.

Another big gain for tenants is that they will be able to keep all the income from any coin-operated machines installed in the pub. This income can often be considerable, and hitherto has often been shared between tenant and brewer.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

T&N buys Vandervell from GKN for £12m

T&N, the former Turner & Newall, has bought the Vandervell vehicle bearing companies from GKN for £12.7 million payable in cash. Vandervell made £1.7 million operating profit on turnover of £34.8 million in 1987 from making and distributing thinwall bearings, bushes and thrust washers.

It manufactures in Maidenhead, Berkshire, and in Italy and has distribution businesses in North America. T&N acquired Glacier Metal, which also makes bearings for vehicles and industrial uses, as part of its takeover of AE. It plans to retain both brands but to combine their product, process and materials development.

Bond's hope for HK-TVB

Bond Corporation hopes that the Hong Kong Government's new conditions relating to foreign shareholders in television companies would still allow it to retain its interest in HK-TVB, group officials said in Australia yesterday. Bond is interested in HK-TVBthrough Bond Corporation International which has a 26.77 per cent stake.

£1m profit for Doeflex

Doeflex, the plastics products group which came to the market last year is paying a final dividend of 2.3p making a year's distribution of 3.45p a share. The company reported profits before tax for the year to the end of December of £1.16 million. Turnover increased from £13.3 million to £21.6 million. The shares were 5p easier at 95p.

Interlink profit slows

Shares of Interlink Express, the USM-listed parcel delivery company, fell 50p to 503p yesterday. The group announced a disappointing advance in interim pretax profits from £2.1 million to £4.1 million on turnover up to £15.1 million from £9.9 million.

Brokers had been anticipating profits more in the region of £4.5 million. However,the company succeeded in increasing its share of the overnight parcels delivery market during the six months to December 31, 1987. The number of consignments handled each night rose to 9,400 from 6,200.

SR Gent lifts to £606,000

SR Gent, which supplies 90 per cent of its output to Marks and Spencer, made pretax profits of £606,000 in the half year to the end of December against £525,000 in the previous first half. Turnover fell to £42.8 million from £45 million due to sales of women's fashions missing their targets. The interim dividend was raised to 0.5p from 0.355p.

Admiral up to £1.2m

Admiral Computing Group, which designs software systems and offers a technical consultancy service, raised profits before tax from £1 million to £1.2 million for the year to the end of December. Turnover increased from £6.6 million to £8.6 million. There is a final dividend of 1.46p. On the stock market the shares were 90p, a fall of 3p.

STOCK MARKET

US trade figures prompt revival

The post-Budget slide on the stock market showed signs of bottoming out yesterday, helped by the latest US trade figures which turned out better than most forecasters had feared.

The January figure rose to $12.44 billion (£6.7 billion), compared with some estimates that had pitched the figure as high as $14 billion. That compares with the December shortfall of $12.2 billion and October's record loss of $17.6 billion.

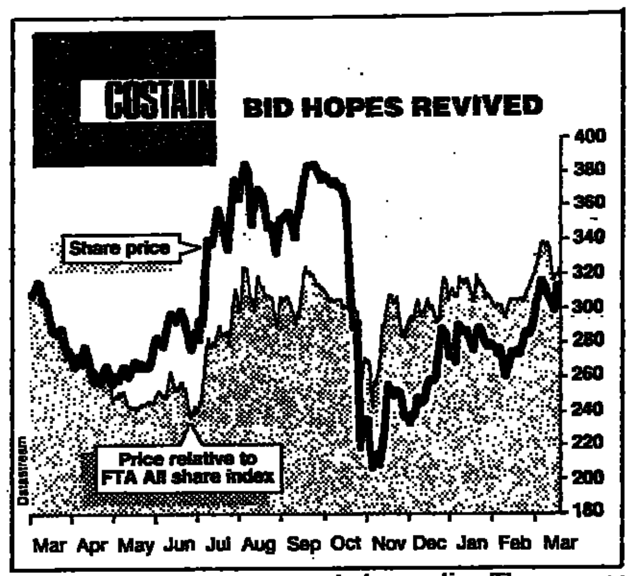
Most share prices on the London market clawed back earlier losses to close with small gains on the day, helped by a firm start to trading on Wall Street. But turnover remained at low ebb with 472 million shares recorded on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system (Seaq) at the close of business.

Not even the unexpected news of half a percentage point cut in bank base rates to 8½ per cent was enough to shake the equity market out of the lethargy that has developed in the wake of Tuesday's Budget statement.

In his speech, the Chancellor had given warning that he would use interest rates to keep inflation under control. The City had taken this to mean that the prospect of an early cut in base rates could be ruled out for the time being.

Government securities responded to the move with early gains £½ with good demand seen for the new £800 million Treasury 1994 issue which had attracted little interest on Wednesday. Quotations later reacted on profit-taking and closed with falls of a quarter of a point. Index-linked issues finished with rises stretching to £½ as some investors decided that the Chancellor was easing the brake on his fiscal policy.

Dealers maintain that the undertone of the market remains firm but few investors are willing to open new positions ahead of the new account which starts on Monday.



The FT-SE 100 index eventually recovered an early fall of 14.4 to finish a net 2.4 up at 1,828.1. Some traders expect the two-way pull on share prices to continue over the next few days but see 1,800 as the bottom line. The narrower FT Index of 30 shares also recovered an initial 6.2 fall to finish at 1,449.7.

Costain, the construction group, was chased 13p higher to 318p as takeover hopes revived. Trafalgar House holds a 6.3 per cent stake in Costain and although Sir Nigel Broackes, Trafalgar's chairman, has constantly played down the possibility of making a full bid, dealers now feel that he may be about to pounce, particularly after the Budget's capital gains tax proposal.

Dealings in **Vosper Thornycroft**, the specialist designer and builder of warships, had a flying start on the big board.

Placed at 160p per share by County NatWest, the securities house, the price opened at 196p and touched 201p, at one stage before profit-taking saw it close at 183p — an opening premium of 23p. Broker to the issue was Panmure Gordon.

UK Paper, the manufacturer of high-quality printing papers, also made an impressive start after being 11 times oversubcribed.

Offered at 135p each, the shares started life at 151p and then drifted down to close at 143p, for a premium of 8p.

Bejam, the frozen food retailer, rose 3p to 184p on renewed hopes that a bid for the company might finally materialize after the Budget proposal to abolish capital gains tax on profits made before 1982.

Mr John Apthorp, the founder, who with other family interests accounts for 25 per cent of the group's equity, might now be ready to accept a bid.

Between Bejam's float in 1973 and 1982, the family stake built up a considerable capital gain and the burden of paying the tax liability is said to have been the main reason why Mr Apthorp turned away suitors.

Now the Budget has changed the state of play, dealers expect someone to move in on Bejam

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Simon's pretax dips to £23.5m

By Cliff Feltham

Simon Engineering, the process plant group, saw pretax profits dip last year by £4.4 million to £23.5 million. The prospect of a disappointing outcome had been signposted at the halfway stage, but even so the shares still fell 4p to 272p.

The company, which beat off a management buy-in bid in 1986, suffered from a setback in its contracting division, with profits more than halved to just over £4 million.

Delays in new orders and difficult margins on work already being handled led to the slowdown. Elsewhere, the manufacturing side improved slightly with profits of £8.1 million, and the services division moved sharply ahead from £7.1 million to just over £10 million.

Mr Roy Roberts, the new chairman, remains confident about the current year and is backing his hopes by paying an unchanged final dividend of 8.8p, which with the interim gives shareholders a same-again total payout of 11.5p.

He says recent acquisitions have improved the underlying profit potential, helped by the clinching of a £260 million order to build an electronic control equipment factory at Yerevan, the capital of Armenia in the USSR.

Westgarth leaps to £277,000

By Geoff Foster

Richardson Westgarth, the engineer and stockholder, reported its best preliminary figures since 1980.

Pretax profits were up sharply from £24,000 to £277,000, for the year end-December. Dividend payments were resumed with a final of 1p. Earnings per share *improved* to 1.4p.

The recovery would have been even more pronounced if the entire £582,000 profit achieved by its newly acquired John O Holt subsidiary, instead of only £92,000, had been included in the figures.

Subsidiary's loss leads to slide in HTV shares

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Shares in HTV Group, the Wales and Bristol television contractor, fell sharply, from 255p to 241p, after the company revealed that Frost & Reed, its fine art subsidiary, had made an £88,000 loss in the half-year to January 31, compared with a profit of £223,000 in the same period a year ago.

The company explained that Frost & Reed had had a difficult half year, due principally to a fall in demand in the United States. But City anxiety over the loss followed the poor performance of an earlier diversification in stationery, which had to be closed down after heavy losses. In the year to July 1987, the fine art division had made an operating profit of £546,000.

Overall, HTV increased pretax profits by 6.5 per cent to £8.315 million in the six months, which includes the best part of the year for television advertising. After charging exchequer levy of £3.3 million (£4.3 million), profits from television rose 11 per cent to £8.066 million, thanks to a £3.5 *million* rise *in* advertising revenue, to £47.2 million.

But the group showed a separate small loss of £41,000 for equipment hire. This was a result of its policy of letting out spare capacity, since it cut programme production for export following the imposition of exchequer levy on exports. Nevertheless, overseas programme sales rose from a low of £0.4 million to £5.2 million.

Earnings per share gained 3.5 per cent, to 24.92p, and the interim dividend is up from 3.2p to 3.4p.

Investment income surged from £142,000 to £378,000 as HTV's cash balances more than doubled, to £11.9 million.

As usual, the company warned that the second half profit will be significantly lower. But City analysts still expect an increase on last year's annual pretax profit, of £11.9 million, to as much as £13.5 *million* to £14 million.

At the same time, Television South West reported an 8.5 per cent rise in pretax profit, to £1.961 million, for the six months to end-January, thanks to a 10.5 per cent rise in advertising revenue, to £17.7 million. Exchequer levy rose from £867,000 to £948,000.

TSW has raised its half year dividend from 0.83p per share to 0.9p on an increase in earnings per share from 5.29p to 5.68p.

The company expects a satisfactory increase in full year profits, from last year's £2.5 million.

After studying the market for satellite broadcasting, TSW beleives it will emerge as a significant addition to regional television.

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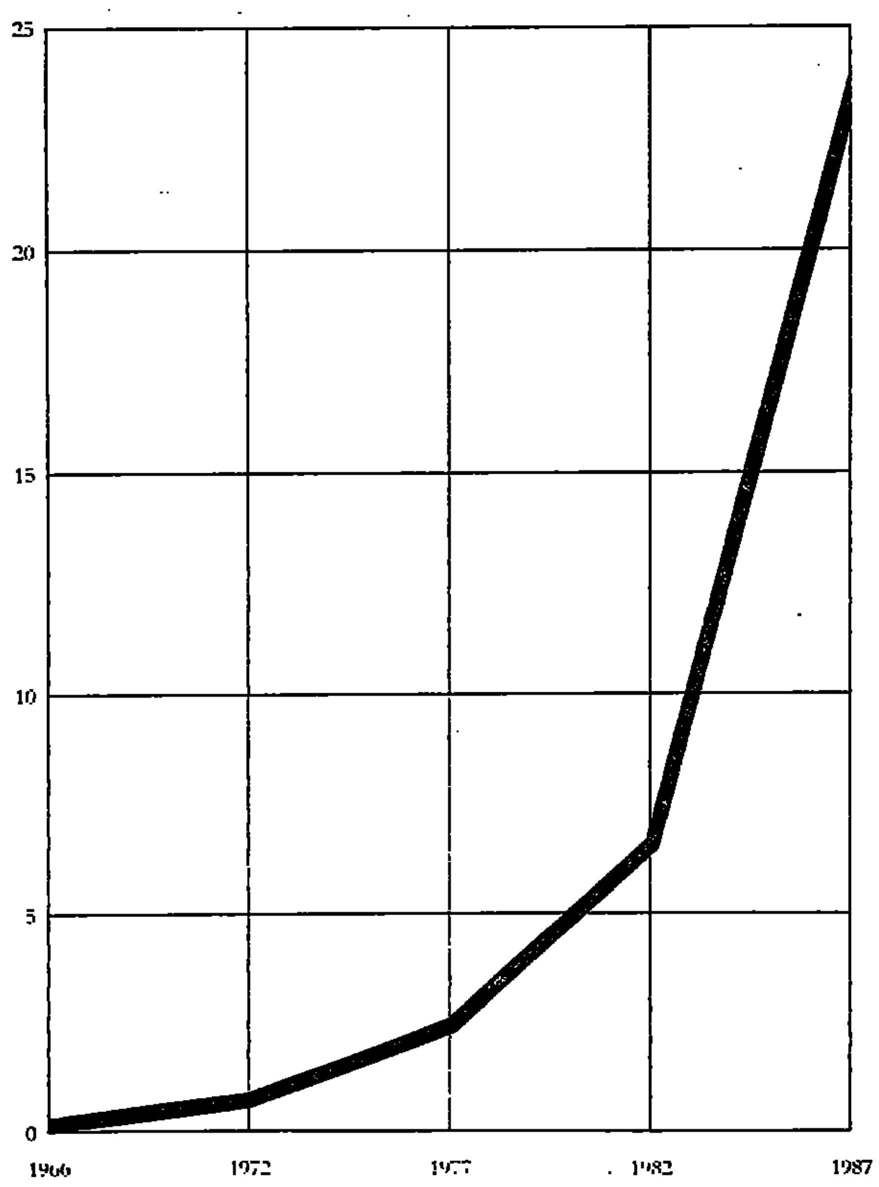

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Profits at Istel leap by 131% to £5.02m

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Istel, one of Britain's leading computer systems companies which was privatized out of the Rover Group in June last year, has boosted its pretax profits by 131 per cent during 1987. They rose from £2.17 million to £5.02 million.

This was on sales of £70.15 million, up 15 per cent on £60.76 million. Earnings per share fully diluted stood at 7.1p in 1986 but now stands at 51.6p.

Istel left Rover in a management-led employee buyout with Rover remaining its largest individual shareholder at 25 per cent of the main holding company. Rover is also Istel's largest customer.

Three-quarters of the holding company equity belongs to Istel Group which is owned two-thirds by management and employees and a third by a consortium of institutions.

Revenue from Rover Group companies was £40.2 million, 4 per cent up, and representing 57 per cent of total revenue. But revenue from other sources jumped 36 per cent at £29.9 million.

Istel's ailing United States operation which in 1986 had a loss on a turnover of just above £1 million has been turned to a "healthy profit" on increased turnover.

Mr John Leighfield, chairman and managing director, described 1987 as a "very successful milestone year" and added: "The major improvement in profit was not achieved at the expense of the continuing development of the busines. More than £11 million was spent in our planned investment programme in products, services, facilities and our key asset, our people."

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Lower cocoa prices help boost Rowntree to £112m

By Carol Ferguson

Stable confectionery prices caused a surge in sales at Rowntree last year, boosting turnover by 11 per cent to £1.4 billion.

Mr Kenneth Dixon, Rowntree's chairman, said cocoa prices had fallen by between 1 per cent and 15 per cent a year for the last two years, leading to low confectionery prices. "The price of a KitKat has been 18p since 1986, and low prices are causing people to buy more."

He also confirmed that he was in the final stages of negotiations for the disposal of Rowntree's US and British savoury snack foods businesses, and that the sale could be finalized "within a month".

The benefit of lower cocoa prices was also reflected in confectionery margins, which widened by 2 percentage points last year, helping to boost pretax profits by 33 per cent to £112 million. However Mr Dixon pointed out that while cocoa was an important cost, other factors were also at work.

"We have many important brands with no cocoa content," he said. "But labour productivity has increased by 7 per cent for the last four or five years due to greater mechanization, improved utilization of people, and the transferring of production in Britain so that similar processes are in the same place – in effect everything that usually comes under the heading of improved efficiency."

Confident outlook: Kenneth Dixon, Rowntree's chairman

He said that the British labour force, now numbering 11,862, had been falling at a rate of 1,000 a year for the last five years.

The group dividend was increased by 14 per cent to 15.5p net. The shares slipped 5p to 460p.

Profits from British confectionery rose by 17 per cent to £51 million. Mr Dixon said Rowntree's market share had risen fractionally and was 22 per cent last year. The total market for British confectionery grew by 2 per cent last year due to stable selling prices, and he expected it to continue growing for the same reasons, but at a lower rate.

Both savoury snack companies, which were put up for sale in January, had had a difficult trading year. Trading profits at Columbia-based Tom's Foods were down 26 per cent in US dollar terms, 33 per cent down in sterling terms to £13 million. Rowntree Snack Foods of Scunthorpe were marginally down on the 1986 result at £1.5 million.

Analysts expect the two companies together to realize in the region of £180 million, comfortably eliminating group debt which stood at £160 million at year-end.

Mr Dixon expressed confidence that Rowntree was better placed than many of its competitors to benefit from the creation of the Single European Market in 1992. Rowntree's European volumes were up 11 per cent last year

With European turnover of £300 million, he said the group had now been investing on the Continent for more than 20 years and had built up an important range of international and national brands.

He added: "North America remains a major source of opportunities, and we shall continue to look for development in that enormous market."

Enterprise Oil profit doubles to £50m

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Enterprise Oil, which recently announced plans to develop the biggest North Sea oilfield for 10 years, yesterday reported a doubling of profits, despite the fall in the world oil price.

The company made a profit of £50.7 million after tax in 1987, compared with £23.4 million the previous year. Pretax profit jumped from £2.9 million in 1986 to £72.5 million.

The final dividend will be 5.5p, making 9.5p for the full year, compared with 8.5p for 1986.

The company's recent success has increased speculation that it could be a takeover target once the Golden Share held by the Government expires at the end of this year.

However, the company's management and some oil analysts are now confident that the programme of growth for the company will put it out of reach of most likely predators.

Enterprise also confirmed that a second test well had been completed on its Nelson offshore field, 150 miles east of Aberdeen, where there are signs of a field which could contain up to 175 million barrels of recoverable oil.

The Nelson field could come into production early in the 1990s, and produce 60,000 barrels a day at a cost well under below that being predicted for other recent North Sea discoveries. It lies close to an existing pipeline network and can be developed by using a simple fixed platform.

The field will more than double Enterprise's existing oil output, which is now running at 58,300 barrels a day.

The fall in the US dollar meant that income was almost the same, with a sterling price of £11.06 a barrel, compared with £10.45 in 1986.

Mr William Bell, the chairman of Enterprise, said: "The most encouraging feature of last year's performance is the clear evidence that the sharp fall in the oil price has not impaired our ability to grow the business in line with our original strategy.

"If we look ahead, against the expectation that oil prices will be on the rise again in a few years, the group is well placed to benefit.

"Our production from the North Sea is set to double in the early 1990s, and with our financial strength and proven record of exploration success we can look forward with confidence to the next phase of the group's development."

COMMENT David Brewerton

Alexander warns the City's ragtime band

Robert Alexander QC is not a man who easily has the wool pulled over his eyes, but it does appear that the City has done a neat job in hiding just how fast and loose it had been playing with the Takeover Panel before he arrived on the scene as chairman. They had better not try it now.

In the Denning Lecture delivered last night to the Bar Association for Commerce, Finance and Industry, Mr Alexander concentrated on the role of the Takeover Panel, and its undoubted success in holding the ring in 5,000 takeovers in the last 20 years. It is a tribute to the thoroughness of the first chairman of the Panel, Lord Shawcross, that there are today only three more rules than there were when the City Code was drawn up in 1968. There are, of course, volumes of practice notes which have been framed in the light of experience.

But although the Panel has, as Mr Alexander demonstrated in his lecture, stood the test of time there have been occasions when it has either turned a blind eye to what has been going on, or was in blissful ignorance. Neither option can be excused.

Mr Alexander pointed out, rightly, that the responsibility placed on financial advisers under the Code is considerable. "With isolated lapses, it has been accepted by the leading merchant bankers and other advisers in accordance with the spirit of the Code". 'Unfortunately, the series of takeovers which culminated in the Guinness bid for Distillers, and the lapses which have been uncovered in the aftermath of that bid, were not isolated at all. They were commonplace. The Guinness affair has, however, provided a sharp reminder of the dangers of playing fast and loose, and standards have improved.

However, Mr Alexander may find that, despite his watchful eye, they could slip back again. He is aware of the danger. He told his audience last night that "it is extremely important that, however competitive the climate, successive generations of advisers should be educated by their firms so as to appreciate their role. Nor is this merely a public duty tinged by self-interest. For those with long-term financial interests in the City, the proper conduct of our markets is crucial." Unfortunately, so is the need to win.

The chairman, who moved in only last year, points out that contested takeovers become the focus of press and public attention. They are often dramatic, he said, "and sometimes seem to engage instincts which in days gone by pursued territorial conquests. They reflect human ambition, skill and determination. The methods of achieving a successful outcome, or of defending a bid, consistently evolve and challenge the knowledge and creativity of extremely able financial adviers."

Sometimes, as we now know, that creativity goes beyond the boundaries laid down by the Code, possibly even beyond those laid down by law. Mr Alexander, said the public gaze which is put on takeovers "makes it important that standards of personal behaviour are acceptable: espionage on employees of rival companies or personal abuse by protagonists are no good for the image of the markets and contribute nothing to the debate."

The Panel is now within the legal framework of the Financial Services Act, and can pick up, and does, information from both the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry. It has the ultimate sanctions of the Act behind it, and it looks as if Mr Alexander would be ready to use them.

Morgan stays above water

Twice last summer John Craven, the chief executive of Morgan Grenfell, met officials of Security Pacific, the US bank which owns Hoare Govett, to discuss a link-up. The talks rapidly led nowhere but the fact that they happened at all shows how nervous Morgan was of its weaknesses.

It was about that time that speculation mounted that Willis Faber wanted to sell out of its 22 per cent holding in the bank. Morgan denies this was ever the case and says that it approached SecPac to investigate ways of improving its weak equity distribution system overseas.

Six months later, the first problem seems to have disappeared. Morgan's shareholders seem reassured and the whole Guinness affair has been effectively put in the past. Above all, it has not materially harmed the bank's corporate finance activities.

But yesterday's results, with profits dropping from £82 million to £60 million, show that securities operations remain a worry, particularly when markets behave as they did in October. Morgan's performance could have been much worse, but it managed to convert a £10 million profit at the end of September into a £10 million loss by the year-end.

It is the first independent merchant bank to announce figures for 1987, and therefore hard to judge at this stage. The £30 million drop in profits – excluding exceptional items – looks like a lot for a group of this size. On the other hand, 1986 profits were unnaturally swelled by two huge corporate finance deals which could not expect to be repeated this year. So perhaps it is unfair to carp.

Morgan has pulled itself out of the Guinness doldrums and is now simply suffering the consequences of increased volatility in earnings which Big Bang has brought to all merchant banks.

Delta Group up 11% to £64.2m

By Alison Eadie

Delta Group, the electrical equipment, engineering and industrial services company, made pretax profits of £64.2 million in the year to end-December, a rise of 11 per cent on the previous year.

Earnings per share rose 15 per cent to 28.6p and the total dividend was hiked by 18.4 per cent to 9p, after a hefty 22 per cent increase in the final dividend to 6.1p.

Profits would have been £2,8 million higher but for adverse exchange rate movements. Group turnover was marginally lower at £532 million as a result of restructuring.

Western Europe has become Delta's largest market outside Britain with sales of £72 million, 24 per cent higher than in 1986. Britain increased its dominance, contributing £44.1 million pretax profits, or nearly 69 per cent of total profit, against £35.6 million or 62 per cent the previous year.

Delta made seven acquisitions last year at a total cost of £30 million. Its acquisition of the European plumbing fittings business of the American company Nibco has already exceeded expectations.

The offer for George H Scholes was unsuccessful, but Delta said it was strengthening its position in the residential circuit protection market through MEM branded products, embodying its new generation of miniature circuit-breakers.

Since year-end Delta has announced the acquisition of Kenmac Controls.

TSB's chairman replies to critics

Sir John Read, the TSB chairman, hit back at his critics yesterday with a tough defence of his stewardship of the privatized banking group.

Sir John was speaking at the TSB's annual meeting in Edinburgh.

Critics among the TSB's 1.9 million shareholders believe the £777 million the TSB paid for Hill Samuel was too much and that the deal should have been scrapped or a better price negotiated.

Sir John said financial advisers had said any attempt to renegotiate would have scuppered the takeover.

His chief critic was Mr Jim Reynolds, of a small shareholders' committee. He said the TSB had paid too much. Sir John denied this.

Tempers became frayed when Sir Ian Fraser, a TSB director, attempted to explain to Mr Reynolds how Hill Samuel had been priced. Mr Reynolds accused Sir Ian of being sarcastic. Sir Ian replied: "There is nothing to be gained from being belligerent."

Mr Reynolds was also told that of a total TSB loan book of £1 billion, there had been £60 million worth of problem loans to the troubled shipping industry and just £25 million worth of loans to South America and Nigeria.

Mr Reynolds said the management structure "looks like a gravy train". Sir John denied this and added that, contrary to Mr Reynolds's claims, the TSB did not employ 140 directors but that there were many members of regional advisory boards. These were paid "only modest sums".

Aircraft subsidies to come under fire

From Colin Narbrough
in Bonn

Mr Alan Clark, the Trade Minister, and his European colleagues face some tough talking today with President Reagan's trade troubleshooter Mr Clayton Yeutter over the issue of state subsidies to aircraft-makers on both sides of the Atlantic.

The US trade representative has a mandate to tell the European ministers that there must be an end to the massive state backing given to Airbus from the four governments involved – Britain, West Germany, France and Spain.

The consortium has received about $7 billion in subsidies and, given the huge losses it expects to make due to the declining dollar, looks likely to require much more.

The Airbus consortium is jointly owned by British Aerospace, Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm of West Germany, France's Aerospatiale and CASA of Spain.

At one time, it looked as though the US was prepared to escalate the dispute over Airbus subsidies into a trade war, and it still considers the aid as unfair trading practice. The chances of a trade war appear now to have receded.

Counter charges from the Europeans that the US aircraft industry has been subsidised to the tune of $23 billion over the past decade have also helped inject some balance into the subsidy row. So, too, have co-operation talks between Airbus and McDonnell Douglas, the US aerospace group.

The Airbus talks, held at the lakeside town of Konstanz in Southern Germany, are not expected to reach final agreement at their one-day session.

Trade officials are, however, looking for firm guidance to emerge from the exchanges on how the whole issue will be defused.

Mr Willy de Clercq, the EEC Trade Commissioner who is taking part in the talks, last week predicted that the main focus would be establishing the conditions under which governments would be able to continue granting aid to major civil aircraft projects. The EEC believes that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) allows it to subsidise the Airbus programme.

Disputes over subsidies will also be a central theme of talks over the weekend at the same venue, with the US and the developing world likely to press the EEC countries to stop subsidizing agricultural exports.

Washington has called for a phasing out of all farm subsidies over 10 years from 1990, but the EEC has made clear that this would be going too far too fast.

Old shipyard launches high-tech comeback

By Peter Davenport

The Tees Offshore Base, which has been created from the ruins of a redundant shipbuilding yard, has launched an ambitious attempt to become the world's leading centre for sub-ocean technology.

An initial £10 million investment by the government-funded Teesside Urban Development Corporation and the local port authority has already transformed the old Smith's Dock – the last yard to build ships on the River Tees – which closed last year.

Over the next five years a further private-sector investment of up to £250 million is expected to be injected into the site by leading, international companies in the highly competitive industry of extracting the mineral wealth beneath the sea bed.

Yesterday, at a launch in London attended by Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, officals of the Tees Offshore Base went out to sell themselves to the world's subsea engineering and petroleum industry.

Their intention is to establish a unique centre whose resident companies will each possess individual skills and abilities but which will also operate as an expert consortium dedicated to winning lucrative, but complex, subocean contracts around the world.

The downturn in oil prices has stimulated the need for cheaper and more efficient systems to recover gas and oil from the sea-bed and the smaller size of recent discoveries means that conventional methods are both uneconomic and technically unviable.

It is intended that the new offshore base will exploit not only that market but will also be at the forefront of future technology to extract other valuable minerals and food from the sea and sea-bed.

Over the next 20 years, according to the Department of Trade and Industry, the market for systems, equipment and services to exploit sub-ocean energy resources alone stands at £170 billion with the wider market worth much more.

Smith's Dock and 60 adjoining acres of land were acquired by the Teesside Urban Development Corporation and the port authority last autumn and already £1 million has been spent on demolishing derelict buildings, renovating others to provide up-to-date facilities, as well as a new system of roads.

Further programmes to provide berthing for semi-submersibles, expanded facilities for service and construction companies, storage for off-shore supply operations, and a sub-sea research and development centre with a unique environmental testing facility are in hand.

The base has already attracted several leading companies, bringing 450 news jobs to the area with a further, similar number by the end of the year.

British Telecom Marine is to develop a full offshore operation facilitiy and LV Shipping is to use the site to expand its offshore supply industry.

Marathon Oil UK has also moved on to the site – an operation that required some 247 loads weighing approximately 5,000 tonnes by lorry and trailer – and will spearhead its next project, Central Brae in the North Sea, its first sub-sea development, from the new location.

Mr Charles Tomkins, the managing director of Northern Offshore Services, which is developing the base on behalf of the urban development corporation, said: "The United Kingdom has not produced a significant enduring industrial base out of the offshore market and it should have because the offshore hydrocarbons industry will long outlive the resources of the United Kingdom's continental shelf.

"Circumstances, however, have occurred to create a second chance," he added.

Minorco has $900m cash pile

By Graham Searjeant

Minorco, the Luxemburg investment company associated with the De Beers/Anglo-American group, has amassed a cash pile of almost $900 million (£490 million) after the sale of its interests in Salomon Brothers and Anglo-American Investment Trust.

It plans to use the money to invest in ownership and direct participation in resource-based assets, especially precious metals. It has already invested $80 million for a half interest in a US gold mining venture.

In the six months to the end of 1987, earnings rose from $43 million to $139 million, before extraordinary profits of $515 million on the asset sales.

Earnings per share, including extraordinary profits, rose from $0.26 to $18.42, and the half-year dividend is up from 6 US cents to 10 cents. Net asset value was $18.40 per share.

Close Brothers up to £3.1m

Close Brothers, the small merchant bank, turned in profits before tax of £3.1 million for the six months to the end of January, up from £1.5 million previously. Business during the second half has been running at a high level. Shareholders collect an interim dividend of 1.65p a share.

Rowntree's brands enjoy another year of growth.

1987

Turnover	£1,427m + 11%
Profit before taxation	£112m + 33%
Earnings per ordinary share	40·8p + 17%
Dividend per ordinary share	15·5p + 14%

Rowntree

Hampden up to £1.27m

By Geoffrey Foster

Hampden Homecare, the home improvement retailer based in Northern Ireland, yesterday reported a 25 per cent increase in pretax profits, from £1.02 million to £1.27 million, in the 52 weeks to January 2, 1988.

The USM-quoted group raised its final dividend from 1.1p to 1.3p, making a total of 1.8p net for the year.

The company, which operates its stores under a franchise agreement with Home Charm Group, increased its turnover by 53 per cent, from £9.9 million to £15.1 million.

Mr JP Goldstone, the chairman, said further opportunities by way of acquisition or joint venture are being examined, in the light of the company's successful relationships with Texas Homecare and Kwik-Fit.

Mr Goldstone also revealed that the board had approved a plan to establish Texas Homecare stores in the Irish Republic. The joint venture agreement set up last July with Kwik-Fit Holdings, formed to operate car repair centres in Northern Ireland under the name Kwik-Fix, has been successful.

The first depot opened in December, and has been trading well. Two further depot openings are planned over the next two years. Hampden Homecare shares closed 1p higher, at 86p.

McLaughlin lifts profits to £1.43m

By Colin Campbell

McLaughlin & Harvey, the USM-quoted builder and civil engineer, says it has a very substantial work load for 1988 which should ensure that all divisions will achieve a marked increase in turnover this year.

For the year ended December, group turnover rose from £50.8 million to £65.9 million, and pretax profits from £1.08 million to £1.43 million. The final dividend rises from 5p to 5.5p a share, making 8p (7p) for the year.

The group's ambitions to make an acquisition were frustrated by the stock markets events of last October, the board says. However, in the homes division the demand for good quality, well located residential properties continues to strengthen, and the division has acquired enough new sites to ensure further expansion.

"With the prospects from our homes division and on the basis of construction orders already placed, the company can confidently anticipate substantial progress in 1988," the board says.

There is, however, a warning that tender margins remain very keen.

The shares rose by 2p to 245p.

Tokyo share prices surge ahead of pre-crash levels

Tokyo (Reuter) – The Tokyo stock market has surged above its pre-crash levels for the first time, frustrating efforts by authorities to dampen investor enthusiasm, and despite generally lacklustre movement in other share markets.

Keen bidding for financial and electrical shares pushed the Nikkei index, the market's main marker, up to 25,872.29 yesterday.

This is despite the Tokyo Stock Exchange boosting margin requirements to 60 per cent from 50, in a move aimed at regulating the market, an exchange official said.

Yesterday's closing level compares to 25,746.56 points hit on October 19 just before Wall Street's crash sent stock markets worldwide tumbling.

"Investors take this as a bullish statement," said Mr Craig Chudler of Smith New Court Far East. "If the exchange has to come in to say 'cool it,' things must be really strong."

This change in margin requirement is the first since October 21 when it was dropped to 50 per cent from 70 to help maintain investor confidence in the wake of the global collapse of stock markets.

Most other stock markets have been languishing, throwing the Tokyo market's vigour into sharp relief. Wall Street and London are still trading well below their peaks, as are most markets in the rest of Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

On March 2, Bank of Japan sources said the recent rises in Tokyo stocks were a bit overdone, but this warning managed to dampen market sentiment only temporarily.

A backdrop of low interest rates and stable currency rates has been largely behind the 20 per cent gain in the Nikkei average from the beginning of the year, brokers and analysts said.

An added plus now is that most institutional investors have closed their books for the fiscal year ending March 31, brokers said.

Booksquaring selling by Tokkin, special money trusts, has been a persistent market concern. These trusts as well as most institutional investors are currently trading on next year's accounts, which is boosting already confident market sentiment.

"Japanese economic fundamentals are good and corporate profits are promising," said a broker at Nomura Securities. Foreign investors are coming back."

Brokers predict the Nikkei index will surpass its all-time high of 26,646.43 points, set last October 14, in April. If Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average stays above 2,000 and the dollar remains reasonably stable, this should not take much doing, they say.

Even further rises in margin requirements may have little effect because institutional investors do not trade on margin.

However, there is some concern about a possible increase in official interest rates to allay inflationary pressure.

Booming economy 'will prevent another crash'

(Reuter) – Tokyo's stock market will not crash again because Japan's economy is booming and there is still an abundance of money in the national market, Mr Takeuchi said yesterday.

He also said Japanese stocks were not overpriced when measured by their price/-earnings ratios. Other factors should be considered when judging Japanese p/e ratios, including interest rates, inflation and expected growth of the economy.

He said Tokyo survived the crash because price limits on fluctuations in stock prices acted as a brake on October 20, when the main Tokyo market indicator fell 14.9 per cent, its biggest one-day decline. Wall Street had fallen 22.6 per cent the day before.

"Suppose all stocks reached their limit down, the market would have been 17 per cent down on the day," he said. "The smaller decline of the Tokyo market can be explained by these price limits."

The absence in Tokyo of computer-driven arbitrage between stocks and stock futures was another stabilizing factor, he said.

Financial and electrical shares lead index surge

(Reuter) – Tokyo share prices closed stronger, and on a post-crash high, on buying of financial and electrical shares, despite an increase to 60 per cent from 50 per cent in margin requirements from yesterday.

"In the past, changes in requirements at these levels have had little impact," said Mr Yozo Asai, a broker of Yamaichi Securities. "There may be more reaction if they rise further."

The Nikkei index rose 167.86 points, or 0.65 per cent, to 25,872.29, surpassing the 25,746.56-point level hit on October 19 last year, just before the crash.

Rises matched falls in turnover of 1.1 billion shares against 1.6 billion.

Bank, non-life insurance, communications, electrical, securities house, credit/lease, pharmaceutical, service, precision instrument, and non-ferrous metal shares gained.

Following the changes in margin requirements, investors must post 60 per cent, instead of 50 per cent, the value of a stock they are buying or selling in either cash or in other stocks.

Dow advances on better trade news

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street shares resumed a mild early rise yesterday following the report of a January US trade deficit at the low end of expectations.

The dollar also firmed again but US bond prices were below session highs in volatile trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 issues was up 11.11 points at 2,075.43 at one stage when the transport indicator gained 9.79 to 875.60 and the utilities aversage lost 0.23 to 179.71.

Advancing issues had a seven-to-four lead over declining shares.

Digital Equipment was active, falling three at 114⅝. Several Wall Street brokerage houses cut their estimates of Digital Equipment's 1988 earnings.

Frankfurt shrugs off worry on US trade

Frankfurt (Reuter) – German shares closed higher in active trading yesterday for the third day in a row, recovering from a brief relapse

"There does not seem to be much fear about the US trade data. Domestic liquidity is the crucial factor driving prices higher," one dealer said.

The Commerzbank 60 share index, calculated at midsession, rose 6.8 points or 0.5 per cent to 1,431.5.

Persistent market rumours that Daimler intends to increase its stake in AEG helped the electrical company continue its steep rise, gaining DM10 to end at DM267 after a DM11.50 mark rise on Wednesday.

WALL STREET

	Mar 16	Mar 15		Mar 16	Mar 15		Mar 16	Mar 15
AMR Cp	43¾	41¾	Fedders	8¾	8¾	Pennzoil	76½	76
ASA	46¾	47	Firestone	63¼	63¾	Pepsico	35¾	35¾
Aetna Life	46¼	46¼	Fst Chicago	23¾	23¾	Pfizer	53¾	54¼
Allied Signal	32½	32	Fst Int Bncp	44	43¾	Phelps Dod	41¾	41½
Allis Chlm	1¾	1¾	Fst Penn C	9¾	9¾	Philip Mor	93¾	92¾
Alcoa	45¾	45	FT Wachve	36½	36	Philip Ptrl	16¾	16¾
Amax Inc	18¼	18¼	Ford Motor	44	43¾	Polaroid	34¼	33¾
AMR Hess	29¾	29¾	GAF Cp	53¼	53¼	Primerica	29¾	30
Am Brands	46¼	45½	GTE Cp	38½	38¼	Proct Gble	80¾	81
Am Cynmd	51	50	Gen Cp	21½	21¼	Pub SE Gr	24¼	24¾
Am Ele Pwr	28¾	28¼	Gn Dynam	55	54	R Nabisco	50¾	51
Amexs	26½	26½	Gen Electric	44¾	43¾	Raytheon	68¾	67¾
Am Family	15¾	15	Gen Inst	34¾	34	Rynlds Metl	45¾	44¾
Am Home	81	80	Gen Mills	50	50¾	Rockwell Int	20¼	19¾
Am Int Grp	57¾	57¾	Gen Motors	73¾	71¼	Royal Dutch	119	118¾
Am Stand	75½	75¾	Gen Pub Ut	32¼	31¼	SFE Sopac	17¼	17¾
Am Telph	28¼	28¾	Genesco	4½	4¾	Sara Lee	42¼	41¾
Amoco Cp	75¾	75	Georgia Pac	37½	37¾	Schlumb	36¼	36¾
Anheuser B	31¾	31¾	Gillette	38¾	39	Scott Pap	38	74
Armco Steel	11¾	11¾	Goodrich	50½	49¼	Seagram	55	55¾
Asarco Inc	25	25¼	Goodyear	62¼	61¼	Sears Roeb	37¾	37¾
Ashland Oil	64¼	64¼	Gould Inc	12¾	12½	Shell Trans	81¼	81¾
Atl Richfld	78¼	77¾	Grace Co	27¼	27¾	Singer	49¾	49¼
Avon Prod	23¼	23¾	Grt Atl Pac	36¾	36¾	Smith Beck	58¾	59¾
Bk Boston	24¼	23¾	Greyhnd	30¾	30	Sony Cp	41¾	40¾
Bank NY	29¾	29¼	Gruman	21½	20¾	Sth Cal Edi	31¼	31¼
Bankamer	9¾	9¾	Gulf & West	81½	81½	SW Bell	37¾	36¾
Bkrs Tst NY	34	33¾	Heinz	43¾	43¼	Squibb	67	67¼
Baxter	26	25	Hercules	50¾	49¾	Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Beth Steel	21½	21½	Hewlett Pk	65	64	Stevens JP	61¾	62
Boeing	48¾	48¼	Honeywell	66¾	66½	Sun Comp	58	57
Boise Casc	49	47½	IC Ind	35¼	35¼	TRW Inc	51¾	50¾
Borden	55¾	54½	ITT Cp	46¾	46¾	Teledyne	335¾	333¾
Bristl Meyr	43½	43¾	INCO	22½	22½	Tenneco	44¾	44¾
BP	59½	59½	Ing Rend Wi	40¾	39¾	Texaco	44¾	44¾
Brunswick	21¼	21¼	Inland Steel	32¾	32¾	Tex Eastn	28¾	30¾
Burl Nth	70½	69	IBM	115¾	114	Texas Inst	55¾	54¼
CBS	164¼	164¼	Int Paper	44	42¾	Tex Util	28	28¾
Cms Engy	17½	17½	Irving Bk	53	53¾	Textron	24¼	23¾
CPC Int	48¾	47¾	Jhsn & Jhsn	85¼	84¼	Travelers	37¾	37¾
CSX Cp	30¾	29¼	K Mart	36¾	35¾	USG	35¾	35¾
Camp Soup	29	28¾	Kaisertech	11¾	11¼	USX Cp	31¼	31¾
Can Pacific	18¾	18¾	Kerr McGee	36¾	36¼	Unilever Plc	38½	36¾
Caterpillar	65¾	64¾	Kimbrly Clrk	58¼	57¾	Un Carbide	24½	24¾
Centrl SW	31½	31	Kraft	55½	55	Un Pac Cp	65¼	64¾
Champion	36	35¾	Kroger	29¾	29¾	Unisys Cp	34¾	34¼
Chase Man	26¼	26	LTV Cp	3½	3¾	Utd Brands	49¾	50
Chem NY	24	24¼	Litton	84¾	85¾	Us West	53¾	52¾
Chevron	46¾	46½	Lockheed	43¾	43¾	Utd Tech	41¼	40¾
Chrysler	24¼	24¼	Lucky Str	31	30½	Unocal	36	36¼
Citicorp	20¼	19¾	Man H'nver	28¾	28¼	Warn Lamb	73¾	71½
Clark Eq	25½	25½	Manville	2¾	2½	Wells Far	52¾	52¾
Coca Cola	38¾	38½	Mapco	52¼	52¾	Westg El	50¾	50¾
Colgate	44½	43¾	Marriott	30¼	30	Weyerhsr	43¾	42¾
Columb Gas	31	31	Mt Marrieta	46¾	45¾	Whirlpool	27¾	27¾
Cmb'tn Eng	35	35	Masco	26¾	26	Woolworth	47¾	45¾
Cmwlth Edi	28¾	28½	Mcdonalds	45	44¼	Xerox Cp	57½	57¾
Cons Edis	44½	43¾	McDonnell	62¾	62¾	Zenith	17¾	17¾
Consol Ng	36¾	36¼	Mead Cp	39¾	39¼			
Cont Data	26½	27¾	Merck	157¾	158¼	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	54½	54¼	Mnsta Mng	63¾	62¾			
Crane	32¾	30¾	Mobil	43¾	43¾	Agnco Eag	20	20½
Curtiss W	52½	51¼	Monsanto	82¼	80¾	Alcan Alum	36½	38
Data Genl	24½	24¼	Montedison	10¾	10¾	Algoma Stl	18¾	18.75
Deere Co	44¾	44½	Morgan Jp	33¾	33½	Can Pacific	23½	23¾
Delta Airl	48½	47¾	Motorola	47¾	47½	Cominco	16¾	17¾
Detroit Edi	14	13¾	NCR	60¾	60¼	Con Bathrst	18¾	19
Digital Eq	117¾	116¼	NL Indstrs	7¾	7¾	Hawk S Can	22½	22
Disney	63¾	62½	Nat Md Ent	22¾	22¾	Hud Bay M	21¼	21½
Dow Chem	86¾	84¾	Nat Semi	11¼	11¾	Imasco	29	29¾
Dresser Ind	31¾	30¾	Norfolk Sth	29½	28¾	Imperial Oil	56½	57
Dupont	88	86½	NW Bancrp	42¾	42¼	Int Pipe	45¾	45½
Duke Pwr	45¾	45	Occid Petl	26¾	26¾	Royl Trstco	16	16
East Kodak	43½	43¼	Ogden Cp	30¾	30¾	Seagram	68¾	68¾
Eaton Cp	79½	79	Olin Cp	50½	51½	Shelco 'A'	24¾	25¾
Emerson El	33¾	33¼	PPG Ind	39¾	39¾	Thmsn N 'A'	27¾	27½
Emery Air	7	7	Pac Gas El	16½	16¾	Varity Cp	3.65	3.70
Exxon	43½	42¾	Pan Am	3	3	WCT	16¾	16¾
Farah Inc	10¾	10¾	Penney JC	45¾	45	Weston	32½	32½

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Legal & General Group Plc made an operating profit before taxation and exceptional life and pensions business profit of £68.3m. Shareholders also receive the benefit of an exceptional contribution to profit of £10.9m resulting from the declaration of a special bonus to policyholders. The recommended final dividend has been increased by 18.5% to 7.70p, making a total for the year of 11.50p (9.75p).

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STRATEGY

Our first priority is to take full advantage of the rapidly-increasing opportunities in our core business areas, Life and Pensions and General Insurance. At the same time we are pressing on with the development of other financial services markets both in the UK and overseas.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	1987 £m	1986 £m
PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS		
Life and pensions business		
(other than USA and fund management)	**70.6**	59.9
USA life business	**5.4**	6.2
Fund management	**1.3**	4.7
General insurance (excluding hurricane loss)	**37.6**	4.4
Hurricane loss	**(42.0)**	–
General insurance result	**(4.4)**	4.4
Shareholders' other income and outgo	**(5.6)**	(0.4)
Associated companies	**1.0**	0.9
Employee profit sharing scheme	**–**	(2.2)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION AND EXCEPTIONAL ITEM	**68.3**	73.5
Exceptional life and pensions business profit	**10.9**	28.3
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	**79.2**	101.8
Taxation	**(28.0)**	(33.3)
OPERATING PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	**51.2**	68.5
Realised investment appreciation after taxation	**10.4**	11.4
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	**61.6**	79.9
Earnings per share		
(based on operating profit after taxation)	**10.99p**	14.83p
(based on profit attributable to shareholders)	**13.23p**	17.30p
Dividend per share	**11.50p**	9.75p

This announcement does not constitute full group accounts for the year. Copies of the full group accounts, which have not yet been reported on by the auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 14 April 1968 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 18 May 1988. Members of the public may obtain copies of the accounts after 14 April from Corporate Public Relations on 01-248 9678 Ext. 3132.

OUTLOOK

In summary, the Group can report good results and good prospects. Our AAA-rating for our UK Life Fund from Standard & Poor's and Moody's reinforces the message that we are financially and operationally strong. We operate in markets which are becoming both broader and more diverse. We have a clear strategic view of our objectives, which is the basis of our current rapid, controlled and successful evolution. This outlook gives us confidence in the future shown by the increase in the total dividend of 17.9%.

For our shareholders, our staff and our customers, the prospects for 1988 are good.

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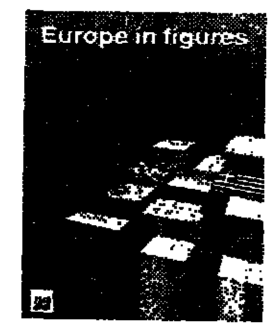

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- Retailing profits in the UK rose 32% to £1.94m.
- Manufacturing profits 7½% up on 1986.
- All overseas subsidiaries recorded increased profits in spite of adverse movements on exchange rates.
- A strong order book for our UK manufacturing companies continues into 1988 and retail sales are generally ahead of the comparable period in 1987.

Comparative results	1987 £m	1986 £m
Sales	61.54	58.45
Trading profit	6.69	6.14
Profit before tax	5.87	5.09
Earnings per share	35.3p	29.1p
Dividend per share	11.5p	9.5p

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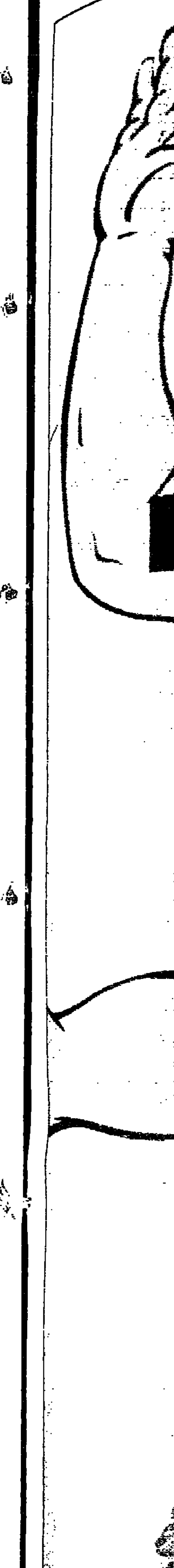

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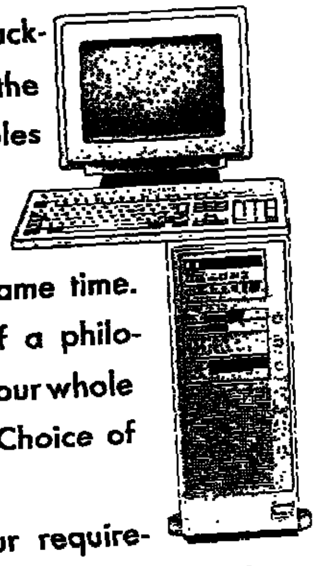

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ARC Marine orders fourth dredger from Appledore

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

ARC Marine has placed a £7.5 million order for a fourth dredger with the Appledore Ferguson shipyard, in north Devon, which should safeguard the 520 jobs at the yard for about 15 months.

Appledore has become one of the most successful operations of state-owned British Shipbuilders by establishing a niche in constructing smaller specialized ships.

The new dredger is the fourth of its class to be built at the Devon yard bringing ARC's investment in new tonnage to more than £30 million in the last two years. It comes after a surge in demand for marine-sourced aggregates for the construction industry.

ARC Marine, which is based in Southampton, is part of the ARC group, the former Amey Roadstone, which has wide interests in road and other construction.

The order was announced as the third of the dredgers was named Arco Adur by Mrs Joy Spence, wife of Mr Charles Spence, the ARC group chairman. It was later being floated out from the yard's covered building dock. It is due to enter service in May.

The contract for the fourth dredger was signed at Appledore by Mr Keith Orrell-Jones, ARC's group chief executive, and Mr John Lister, chairman of British Shipbuilders.

Mr Orrell-Jones said: "We have been very pleased with the performance of the first two dredgers from Appledore."

Mr Lister said: "The order is good news for Appledore."

It is part of a £24 million investment plan by ARC to maintain supplies of aggregates to London, the South-east and export markets in Belgium, Holland and France.

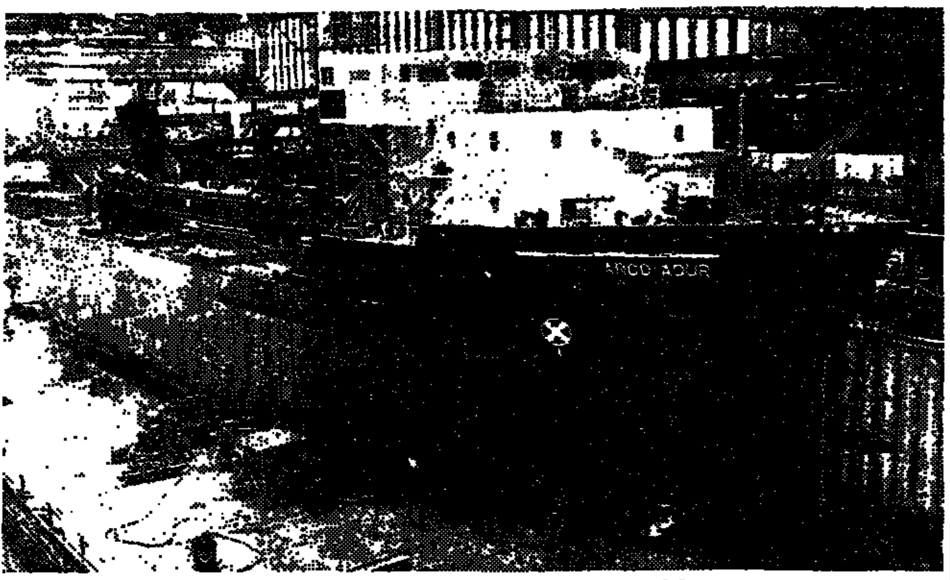
It is estimated about a third of the aggregates used in the South-east are being dredged from the sea or river estuaries.

It particularly saves road handling costs on coastline contracts like the Sizewell B nuclear power station and, when the contracts are let, the Channel Tunnel.

ARC's south east division is spending £16.4 million on a new aggregates processing, storage and distribution terminal on the Thames at Dagenham dock. It will be capable of handling the largest seagoing dredgers in the ARC fleet.

Mr John Draper, the south east division managing director, said: "The market share for sea dredged aggregates continues to increase."

The 22-acre Dagenham site will include a distribution point for rail-hauled limestone from ARC's Whatley quarry in Somerset where £25 million has been spent over three years on the latest processing and distribution equipment.



Arco Adur, the third dredger built by Appledore Ferguson, which was named yesterday

APPOINTMENTS

Lada Imports: **Mr Keith Kaye** becomes managing director.

Oscar Faber: **Mr Stephen Hodkinson, Mr Roger Nex** and **Mr Peter Sheaves** become directors.

Shire Trust: **Mr William Hopper** is made executive chairman in succession to Mr Gerald Leahy.

Trinity Insurance Co: **Lord Croham** becomes non-executive chairman.

Hunting Petroleum Services: **Mr Clive Hunting** is made chairman.

Brian Woodhead Group: **Mr Philip Wilkes** becomes deputy chief executive and **Mr Tony Johns** a non-executive director.

Michael Peters Group: **Mr Paul Langsford** and **Miss Jackie Vicary** are made joint managing directors.

Rotork: **Mr William Whiteley** has been named as managing director of Protech Instruments and Systems. **Mr Robert Arnold** becomes president of Rotork Controls Inc. **Mr Roger Martin** is the new chief executive of Ludlam Sysco, succeeding **Mr Richard Ludlam** who joins the parent company as group development manager for new products and systems.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	2,483	Coats	1,843	Laporte	519	Royal Ins	1,132
Abbey	360	CU	4,806	L&G	3,601	Saatchi	1,405
Alld-Lyons	999	Cons Gold	1,649	Lloyds	1,207	Sainsbury	866
Amstrad	3,638	Cookson	61	Lonrho	737	Scot & N	1,676
ASDA	1,311	Courtaulds	567	Lucas	556	Sears	2,339
AB Foods	613	Dalgety	118	Magnet	485	Sedgwick	525
Argyll	1,324	Dee	3,046	M&S	2,388	Shell	2,256
BAA	4,320	Dixons	1,819	Maxwell Cm	808	Smith & N	668
BET	627	ECC	1,034	MEPC	1,115	Smith WH	674
BTR	9,753	Enterprise	567	Metal Box	610	STC	1,517
BAT	2,768	Ferranti	9,393	Midland	748	Stan Chart	328
Barclays	762	Fisons	1,615	NatWest	2,377	Storehse	886
Bass	189	Gen Acc	349	Next	1,723	Sun Allnce	444
Beecham	729	GEC	7,888	Nth Food	251	T & N	612
Beazer	1,118	Glaxo	2,390	P&O	1,188	Tarmac	786
BICC	1,232	Globe	115	Pearl	4.97	Tate & Lyle	120
Blue Arrow	3,773	Granada	3,248	Pearson	453	TSB	2,429
Blue Circle	611	Grand Met	1,404	Pilkington	4,165	Tesco	2,927
BOC	3,853	GUS 'A'	376	Plessey	5,873	Thorn EMI	1,113
Boots	972	GRE	178	Prudential	590	Trafalgar	1,320
BPB	842	GKN	2,304	Racal	9,568	THF	3,539
Br Aero	1,508	Guinness	2,547	Rk Hovis	636	Ultramar	2,694
Br Airways	1,571	Hamm 'A'	270	Rank	782	Unigate	367
Br Comm	253	Hanson	4,680	R&C	17	Unilever	1,424
Br Gas	13,426	Hawker	1,250	Redland	531	United Bis	3,200
Br Petrol	3,318	Hillsdown	801	Reed	2,439	Utd News	1,089
Br Telecm	5,042	IMI	304	Reuters	794	Wellcome	4,540
Britoil	206	ICI	3,903	RMC Gp	411	Whitbrd	630
Bunzl	1,519	Inchcape	94	RTZ	546	Williams	2,782
Burmah	208	Jaguar	4,239	R-Royce	1,452	Willis Fab	740
Burton	638	Lasmo	720	Rothmn 'B'	353	Wimpey G	936
C&W	3,156	Ladbroke	1,971	Rowntree	3,692	Woolworth	3,700
Cadbury	891	Land Sec	1,462	Royal Bank	191	*Equities page 31*	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 14	March 25	June 16	June 27

Call options were taken out on: 17/3/88 Jones Ship. Cons Gold, Premier Consolidated, Waterford, Ferranti, BTP, Sears, Eurotunnel, Control Secs., Dares Estates, Lopex, Powerscreen, Leisure Inv., BP p/p, Stalas, London & Associated Inv., Scot & Newcastle, Jaguar, Aran Eng.
Puts: Kentish Prop., Cowan de Groot, Jones Ship.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	264
Archer (AJ) (130p)	165
Aukett Ass (95p)	103
Berry Star	165 +4
Brit Pet P/P	75 +½
Carron Phoenix (120p)	161 +1
Copymore (130p)	136
Eurotunnel	319 +3
Eurotunnel Wrnts	22 +1
GWR Gp	355 −20
Gardiner Gp (30p)	40½ −1½
Hatfield Est (100p)	123 +2
Hughes (HT)	78
ISA Intl (80p)	117 +2
Inshops (52p)	69 +1
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	155 −3
Nestor-BNA (75p)	97
Norfolk House (100p)	106 +1
Psion	118 +6
River&Merc Am Inc	102
Selective Ass	74 +1
Shaftsbury (180p)	153
Shanks McEwan (650p)	830 +15
Shorco	118
TGI (130p)	131
TIP Europe	143
Titon Hldgs (80p)	85
Transrap Hldgs (50p)	60
UK Paper (135p)	143
Vosper Thorny (160p)	183

RIGHTS ISSUES

Charterhall N/P	9 −½
Gr West 8% N/P	
Jackson Ex N/P	1½ −½
Mining & Ald N/P	8
Nth Kalg N/P	4
Oakwood N/P	310 −15
Parrish N/P	20 +5
Splash Prod N/P	18
Sumrie N/P	9 +2

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon (*375)	330	50	57	65	4	10	12
	360	25	35	45	9	22	25
	390	10	22	28	24	37	40
Bass (*858)	750	117	137	157	3	8	15
	800	75	97	120	9	22	30
	850	33	65	90	23	40	52
Brit Air (*172)	140	33	36	41	1	6	9
	160	15	20	25	4	13	16
	180	4	10	15	13	22	25
Brit Com (*305)	280	32	40	52	5	10	15
	300	18	30	37	12	20	23
	330	5	17	25	32	37	40
Brit Gas (*139)	130	12	18	20	2	6	8
	140	5	11½	14	5½	10	13
	160	1½	4	7½	22	23	25
BP (*269)	240	32	41	47	2	6	9
	260	16	27	35	5½	10	15
	280	5	16½	25	16	21	25
Britoil (*510)	420	98	-	-	1	2	2
	460	60	62	70	2	3	6
	500	22	30	40	2½	10	20
Cons Gold (*893)	800	125	155	180	15	32	50
	850	90	125	150	26	48	75
	900	68	105	120	50	80	100
Courtauld (*326)	300	33	43	50	8	14	15
	330	13	23	35	16	28	35
	360	3	14	23	37	55	53
	390	1½	7	-	67	77	-
Com Union (*340)	300	45	58	63	3	8	13
	330	22	37	42	10	17	22
	360	7	18	27	25	32	38
C & W (*336)	330	21	35	45	13	22	35
	360	8	22	33	33	43	52
	390	2	10	23	57	65	73
GEC (*151)	140	15	22	24	1½	5	8
	160	4	9	14	12	14	20
	180	1	4	8	30	33	34
GKN (*327)	280	49	53	56	2	7	13
	300	29	37	42	6	13	21
	330	7	20	26	21	25	34
	360	2	11	-	44	45	-
Grand Met (*491)	420	77	93	100	1	7	11
	460	42	63	73	6	16	23
	500	17	37	50	24	33	40
	550	4	18	30	62	65	68
ICI (*1044)	950	110	145	-	6	22	-
	1000	67	110	125	17	40	58
	1050	37	80	-	38	62	-
	1100	16	57	77	70	90	110
Jaguar (*304)	300	14	28	35	15	26	35
	330	4½	17	22	42	47	53
	360	1½	8	15	68	72	80
Land Sec (*535)	420	120	122	130	2	5	7
	460	80	85	100	3	10	13
	500	43	58	73	7	20	28
M & S (*180)	160	23	30	32	2	6	8
	180	8	16	21	7	15	17
	200	1½	8	11	22	28	30
R-Royce (*127)	120	10	15	20	4	10	11
	130	4½	10	15	9	13	16
	140	2	6½	12	18	21	23
STC (*246)	220	27	35	41	2	9	13
	240	14	24	30	12	16	21
	260	5	15	22	24	27	34
Sainsbury (*235)	220	20	28	31	4	7	8
	240	7	14	19	10	17	18
	260	1½	7	11	26	30	31
Shell (*1048)	1000	67	108	125	15	30	47
	1050	35	72	-	30	50	-
	1100	18	50	72	62	77	92
Storehse (*239)	220	25	32	38	4	13	17
	240	12	20	30	10	22	27
	260	4	14	20	25	35	40
	280	2	8	-	45	50	-
Trafalgar (*336)	300	42	47	58	3	8	15
	330	20	28	38	10	18	27
	360	6	13	25	32	40	47
TSB (*109)	110	5	11	13	5	8	9
	120	2	6	9	13	14	15
	130	1	4	-	22	22	-
Woolworth (*305)	260	52	57	62	2	7	13
	280	30	40	50	3	13	18
	300	15	28	37	10	22	27

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*166)	120	50	54	-	1	1½	-
	130	40	46	-	3	4	-
	140	33	39	-	5	8	-
Barclays (*485)	420	82	92	-	4	10	-
	460	52	62	70	13	22	27
	500	28	40	47	32	45	47
Beecham (*470)	390	90	-	-	3	-	-
	420	68	73	-	8	16	-
	460	37	50	57	19	32	35
	500	20	31	42	41	53	57
Boots (*230)	220	22	30	34	12	18	18
	240	12	19	24	24	28	32
	260	6	13	-	38	42	-
BTR (*256)	240	28	32	37	9½	14	16
	260	13	22	25	20	24	27
	280	7	13	17	33	37	43
Blue Circ (*455)	420	52	68	75	18	27	30
	460	28	45	50	37	45	48
	500	13	28	32	62	68	72
Dixons (*188)	180	20	26	30	9	13	16
	200	10	16	22	20	24	26
	220	4	10	-	34	38	-

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Glaxo (*1083)	950	155	187	-	13	25	-
	1000	117	152	175	25	40	52
	1050	82	122	-	40	57	-
	1100	58	97	125	67	80	92
Hanson (*137)	110	30	-	-	½	-	-
	120	21½	23½	-	2½	4	-
	130	13	18	21	5	7½	9½
	140	8	12	16	9½	12½	14
Hawker (*475)	420	70	83	-	10	23	-
	460	40	58	73	30	40	45
	500	20	38	53	53	63	68
Lonrho (*251)	220	39	44	-	4	8	-
	240	25	32	38	10	16	19
	260	13	21	27	20	25	28
	280	7	13	-	34	38	-
Midland (*403)	360	60	70	-	7	12	-
	390	40	50	60	17	27	30
	420	23	32	42	32	40	45
Sears (*134)	120	20	23	-	4	8	-
	130	12½	17	22	8	10	14
	140	8	12	17	13	16	19
Tesco (*156)	140	33	37	-	2	4	-
	160	18	23	26	8	10½	14
	180	9	12	16	18	22	25
Thorn EMI (*603)	500	120	132	-	5	13	-
	550	77	90	97	10	25	35
	600	47	62	72	30	44	57
	650	27	37	-	55	72	-
THF (*245)	200	52	55	-	2	4	-
	220	33	40	45	4	9	12
	240	20	27	32	12	16	20
Unilever (*490)	460	47	64	75	16	24	27
	500	25	44	53	35	43	45
	550	9	23	-	73	77	-
Wellcome (*464)	390	90	108	-	8	16	-
	420	67	87	-	15	23	-
	460	44	64	76	32	42	50

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*118)	100	21	27	34	3	9	13
	110	15	20	28	6	13	17
	120	8	16	23	9	16	23
Brit Aero (*370)	300	73	73	-	3	8	-
	330	45	52	60	9	18	25
	360	22	33	45	22	32	43
	390	10	22	30	42	50	60
BAT Ind (*450)	390	63	73	-	4	10	-
	420	37	52	62	13	22	27
	460	16	32	40	32	40	47
	500	7	-	-	65	-	-
Brit Tele (*255)	220	39	45	50	1	4½	7
	240	22	29	35	4	11	14
	260	11	18	22	13	20	26
Cadbury (*266)	240	27	36	46	5	13	16
	260	14	26	35	14	23	26
	280	7½	17	27	28	37	38
Guinness (*322)	260	65	-	73	2½	-	7
	280	45	-	55	4	-	15
	300	30	-	45	10	-	25
Ladbroke (*407)	300	115	117	-	1	3	-
	330	85	88	92	2	6	9
	360	57	62	68	4	12	18
LASMO (*329)	280	55	65	75	7	12	18
	300	40	50	60	14	20	25
	330	22	33	45	26	33	37
Pilkington (*220)	200	27	35	47	5	12	17
	220	17	25	33	13	23	30
	240	9	15	20	28	35	40
	260	5	8	-	45	50	-
Plessey (*157)	140	22	28	33	3	8	11
	160	10	16	22	12	18	21
	180	5	9	14	27	31	34
P & O (*590)	500	97	105	117	4	10	15
	550	52	72	87	12	20	30
	600	25	42	57	37	47	50
Prudential (*862)	800	80	95	110	20	35	48
	850	45	65	75	45	50	70
	900	20	37	-	70	80	-
Racal (*222)	200	29	35	42	5	9	12
	220	14	23	31	12	18	21
	240	7	14	22	24	29	32
RTZ (*360)	300	78	80	-	6	13	-
	330	47	60	67	9	18	23
	360	25	40	50	24	32	37
	380	16	-	-	37	-	-
Vaal Reefs (*894)	90	14	20	24	6	11	14
	100	9	15	17	13	17	20
	110	5½	11		20	27	
Tr 12% 1995 (*113)	110	3¾	3 7/16	-	7/16	1¼	-
	112	1¾	2 5/16	-	1 1/16	1⅝	-
	114	21/32	1½	-	2⅜	3	-
	116	7/16	27/32	-	3⅜	4 5/16	-
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*120)	114	6⅜	-	-	⅜	-	-
	116	4¾	-	-	¾	-	-
	118	3⅜	-	-	1⅜	-	-
	120	2 5/16	-	-	2 3/16	-	-
	122	1⅜	-	-	3⅜	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1822)

Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
1600	230	233	—	—	2	9	—	—
1650	180	185	200	220	3	15	25	37
1700	130	143	160	180	5	23	35	48
1750	83	105	120	145	12	36	50	60
1800	45	72	90	112	20	53	68	77
1850	20	47	65	87	48	75	90	100
1900	5½	27	45	65	83	108	120	130

March 17, 1988 Total: 25187 Calls 17014 Puts 8173 FT-SE: Calls 1414 Puts 1236
*Underlying security price.

Savoy's THF defence criticized

By Cliff Feltham

The defensive posture of the Savoy Hotel group towards Trusthouse Forte, its long-term predator, is criticized in a report published today by Kleinwort Grieveson Securities, the stockbrokers.

In the report Mr Paul Slattery, a leading hotel analyst, casts doubt on Savoy's claim that Trusthouse Forte is "not suitable" to manage its hotels.

He says: "The Savoy board's position is also problematical in its assertion that Trusthouse Forte's commitment to profit growth is unacceptable to them. At the very least this is an unconventional position for the board of a public company.

"The Savoy board's position is not new, it has been its response to bids during the past 40 years. The present contest is one of rational business over the self-interest of directors in the perpetuation of the status quo. In the management of public companies in the latter stages of the 20th century rational business must have it."

He claims that the improvement in the Savoy's performance in recent years has been more due to better economic conditions than the "quality of strategic management".

Mr Slattery says the Savoy has become the "British power in the world hospitality business".

He says the group will benefit from the expansion in tourism, which is predicted to grow at double the rate of the economy to become Britain's largest industry by 1992. He forecasts Trusthouse Forte's profits at that time will be in excess of £400 million.

The sharpest improvement in the current year is expected to come from the group's American hotels, following a big reorganization. As a result they are expected to advance by around 44 per cent, to contribute profits of £13 million.

During the year as a whole he is expecting Trusthouse Forte to make pretax profits of £215 million, compared with £180 million last time.

The report also suggests that Trusthouse Forte, which has just taken over Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant chain, could soon be on the takeover trail again.

"We do not believe that Trusthouse Forte has completed its acquisitions. It still needs to expand its hotel presence in Western Europe and the United States," the report adds.

MORGAN GRENFELL

GROUP PRELIMINARY RESULTS 1987

GROUP PROFIT:	1987	1986
Profit before taxation	**£60.1m***	£82.2m
Taxation	**£21.5m**	£27.3m
Profit after taxation	**£38.6m**	£54.9m
EARNINGS PER ORDINARY SHARE:		
Basic	**23.8p**	39.2p
Fully diluted	**23.0p**	37.2p
DIVIDENDS PER ORDINARY SHARE:		
Interim (paid October 1987)	**3.85p**	3.5p
Final (recommended)	**7.0p**	7.0p
Total	**10.85p**	10.5p

*After crediting £26.6m in respect of the sale of the Group's interest in Target Group PLC and after providing £10.0m for future information technology infrastructure development costs and £8.7m in respect of sovereign debt.

Commenting on the preliminary results for the year ended 31 December 1987 Sir Peter Carey, Chairman, said:

"The year has been by no means an easy one. We have had to cope with the aftermath of deregulation of securities markets in the United Kingdom and similar developments in many other countries in which we operate and the almost worldwide collapse of equity markets in the latter part of October.

In the circumstances, therefore, I am pleased to be able to report that we have enjoyed a high level of activity in all divisions and have emerged in sound financial condition having eliminated our exposure to third world debt.

■ The Corporate Finance Division for the sixth year running ranked first amongst financial advisers in UK public takeovers.

■ Morgan Grenfell Asset Management continued to add to its prestigious list of clients in the UK and abroad. Funds under management at 31 December 1987 amounted to approximately US$25.2 billion.

■ The Banking and Fixed Income Division enjoyed a particularly active year, with good performance in all aspects of its treasury business, continued innovation in our traditional stronghold of export and project finance and promising developments in the areas of debt trading and debt/equity conversions.

■ We are pleased with the considerable progress made in the development of our Equity Securities business; in the post October 1987 environment we have been able to make important strides which give us confidence for the future.

I am pleased to say that 1988 has started well for us across the Group."

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The 1987 Report and Accounts will be available at the end of April. To obtain a copy please write to the Group Secretary at the above address in London.

Law Report March 18 1988

Repayment of rates paid under mistake of law

Regina v Tower Hamlets London Borough Council, Ex parte *Chetnik Developments* Ltd

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Ackner and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches March 17]

Where section 9 of the General Rate Act 1967 authorised a refund of an amount paid in respect of rates in compliance with a demand which the ratepayer might successfully have resisted, the rating authority should not retain such payments unless there were special circumstances in which a particular overpayment was made such as to justify retention.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the rating authority, Tower Hamlets London Borough Council, from a decision of the Court of Appeal ([1987] 1 WLR 593; *The Times*, February 17, 1987) allowing an appeal by the applicant ratepayers, Chetnik Developments Ltd, from the dismissal by Mr Justice Mann on April 3, 1985, of their application for judicial review of a decision by the council not to refund rates paid by the applicants.

Mr Barry Payton and Mr Simon Gaunt for the council; Mr John Taylor, QC and Mr John Howell for the applicants.

LORD BRIDGE said that the applicants developed a site by the erection of two warehouses.

The Greater London Council approval under the London Building Acts 1930-1939 included a condition that "No part of the building shall be occupied until the consent of the council has been obtained to the proposed user." Contravention of that condition would have been a criminal offence.

The appellant council, as the rating authority, served completion notices, and from November 16, 1976, for so long as the warehouses remained unoccupied, the applicants were liable, subject to the provisions of Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act 1967, to be rated as if they were the occupiers.

The applicants did not immediately fit out the warehouses for the good reason that they were unable to find tenants. Until they knew who was to occupy each warehouse they were in no position to indicate the nature of the proposed user to the GLC.

For the period November 16, 1976, to March 31, 1979, the applicants paid the rates demanded in respect of the unoccupied warehouses. They then woke up to the fact that they had a valid ground on which to dispute their liability.

Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 provided that no rates were payable in respect of a hereditament for any period during which "(*a*) the owner is prohibited by law from occupying the hereditament or allowing it to be occupied . . ."

When the council applied for a distress warrant for the rates claimed for the period from April 1, 1979, to November 1, 1980, the magistrate held that the applicants were "prohibited by law from occupying" the warehouses by virtue of the condition.

That decision was not challenged and it followed that the payments in respect of rates for the period upto March 31, 1979, were payments which the applicants were not liable to make.

Section 9(1) of the 1967 Act provided: ". . . where it is shown to the satisfaction of a rating authority that any amount paid in respect of rates, and not recoverable apart from this section, could properly be refunded on the ground that . . . (*e*) the person who made a payment in respect of rates was not liable to make that payment, the rating authority may refund that amount or a part thereof."

The council refused an application for a refund. The reasons given were (a) the payment was paid under a mistake of law, (b) on the parallel that an applicant for relief from empty rates was required to demonstrate hardship which had not been argued by the applicants, (c) the scheme and intent of the 1967 Act with regard to completion notices, and (d) the applicants could have taken professional advice before making the payments and could have avoided the problem by complying with the London Building Acts.

It was common ground that section 9(1) did not impose a duty but conferred a discretion on a rating authority, and it was conceded that the discretion must be exercised within the confines formulated in *Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223).

Before deciding whether a discretion had been exercised for good or bad reasons, the court must first construe the enactment. Some statutory discretions might be so wide that they could, for practical purposes, only be challenged if shown to have been exercised irrationally or in bad faith.

But if the purpose was clear, the discretion could only be validly exercised for reasons relevant to the achievement of that purpose.

The apparent principle underlying section 9 was that, in each of the five cases where the section authorised refunds, the ratepayer who had paid rates in compliance with a demand note which he might have successfully resisted might appropriately be relieved of the consequences of his oversight.

Paragraph (*e*) seemed to be simply a sweeping up provision to cover any case not covered by paragraphs (*a*) to (*d*), such as the present, where rates had been paid under a mistake of law by a ratepayer who had failed to appreciate that he was under no liability to pay the rates demanded.

It emerged from the authorities that the retention of moneys known to have been paid under a mistake at law, though permitted to an ordinary litigant, was regarded by the courts as a "shabby thing" and hence a course which the court would not allow to one of its own officers.

Parliament must have intended rating authorities to act in the same high principled way and not to retain rates paid under a mistake of law, or in case (*a*) on an erroneous valuation, unless there were special circumstances in which a particular overpayment was made such as to justify retention of all or part.

The council's decision not to refund the overpayment had been made in disregard of the legislative purpose of section 9 and the reasons given were irrelevant to the question of how the discretion should be exercised. The decision could not stand.

Their Lordships, however, must give whatever guidance was possible to assist not only rating authorities, but also the Crown Court which had jurisdiction to entertain an appeal under section 7(1)(*c*) of the 1967 Act against the refusal of an application under section 9.

Considerations as to the financial circumstances of the applicant or of the body of ratepayers and of the financial constraints on the rating authority were irrelevant in the exercise of the discretion under section 9.

So, too, was the more formidable argument that the principle, justifying the conclusion that it fell short of the highest standards of fair dealing to retain money paid under a mistake of law, had no application where the recipient no longer had "in hand " the amount mistakenly paid.

The positive factors relevant to the exercise of the discretion which might be considered in whole or in part to displace the *prima facie* justice of refunding overpayments could only arise from the circumstances in which the overpayment came to be made in any particular case. The conduct of the person making the payment considered in relation to those circumstances would be of primary relevance.

Lord Fraser, Lord Brandon and Lord Ackner agreed.

Lord Goff delivered a concurring speech.

Solicitors: Mr Alan Tobias, Bethnal Green; Lovell, White & King.

Consent order for possession

Regina v Newcastle upon Tyne County Council, Ex parte Thompson

The court would make a consent order for possession if concessions between the parties were reasonable, if alternative accommodation was or would be available to the tenant and, where relevant, if it was satisfied that greater hardship would not be caused by granting than by refusing to make the order.

Mr Justice McNeill so held on March 15 in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing the application of Margaret Jane Thompson to quash a consent order made by Mr Registrar Ward at Newcastle Crown Court on August 19 1987 in which the plaintiff landlords John and Joyce Douglass sought possession under case 9 of schedule 15 to the Rent Act 1977 (greater hardship).

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4	Land Sec (aa)	Property	
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6	Greycoat	Property	
7	Westmex	Industrials S-Z	
8	Gr Portland	Property	
9	Trinoco	Motors,Aircraft	
10	Bullough	Industrials A-D	
11	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
12	Banks (Sidney C)	Foods	
13	Robinson (Thomas)	Industrials L-R	
14	Goldberg (A)	Drapery,Stores	
15	Kode	Electricals	
16	Clayton Son	Industrials A-D	
17	Fobel	Industrials E-K	
18	Kwik Save	Foods	
19	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
30	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
21	Blockleys	Building,Roads	
22	Celestion	Industrials A-D	
23	Drummond	Textiles	
24	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
25	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
27	Hewitt (J)	Industrials E-K	
28	Maxwell Comm (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
29	Unilever (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
30	Hanover Druce	Property	
31	Stylo	Shoes, Leather	
32	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
33	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
34	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
35	Britannia Security	Electricals	
36	Wyndham Eng	Industrials S-Z	
37	Bellway	Building,Roads	
38	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
39	Evans Of Leeds	Property	
40	Steetley	Building,Roads	
41	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
42	AB Food (aa)	Foods	
43	Hawker Siddly (aa)	Industrials E-K	
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1987/88 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
102¼	100¾	Exch	10¼%	1988	100⅝	..	10.4	8.749
101⅝	96	Treas C	9¾%	1988	100⅛	..	9.73	8.680
98⅝	92¾	Treas	3%	1978-88	98⅝	● ..	3.0	6.959
101⅝	94¾	Treas	9½%	1988	100⅜	+⅛	9.4	8.777
105¾	95¾	Treas	11½%	1989	102¾	..	11.2	8.818
104⅝	97⅝	Treas	10½%	1989	101⅝	+⅛	10.3	8.888
103⅝	96⅞	Exch	10%	1989	101⅝	+⅛	9.8	8.884
108	95¾	Exch	10¾%	1989	104	..	9.85	7.813
105¾	95	Exch	11%	1989	102⅝	●+⅛	10.8	8.884
95⅝	88⅝	Treas	5%	1986-89	96	● ..	5.2	7.818
102⅝	93⅝	Treas C	9¾%	1989	100⅝	●+⅛	9.4	8.779
96⅝	88⅝	Treas	3%	1989	96	..	3.13	6.877
102⅝	98⅝	Treas	8%	1990	101⅝			
111	101⅛	Treas	13%	1990	105⅝	+⅛	12.1	8.901
106⅝	95	Exch	11%	1990	105⅝	+⅛	10.8	8.918
110⅝	98⅝	Exch	12½%	1990	106⅝	●+⅛	11.7	8.968
92⅝	84⅝	Treas	3%	1990	92	..	3.26	7.182
100	93⅝	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	98⅝	+⅛	8.3	8.923
105	94⅝	Treas	10%	1990	102⅝	+⅛	9.7	8.992
91⅝	80⅝	Exch	2½%	1990	89⅝	..	2.8	7.014
110⅝	96⅝	Treas C	10%	1991	104⅝	..	9.5	8.510
110⅝	101⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991	106⅝	+⅛	11.0	8.965
95⅝	85⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	93⅝	● ..	6.1	8.303

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
175	48	Rea Bros	95	100	..	2.4	2.4	18.7
216	113	Rothschild (J) Hld	163	167	..	8.2	5.0	8.8
449	273	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	363	367	..	17.4	4.8	7.1
17	705	Schroders	9¼	10¼	..	22.8	2.3	15.2
843	390	Stand Chart (aa)	475	480	+5	48.0	10.0	5.9
154	97	TSB (aa)	108	110	●-½	5.3	4.9	7.3
818	453	Union	535	550	b ..	58.9	10.8	6.1
576	283	Warburg SG	343	350	..	14.4	4.1	..
198	102	Do 6% 'A'	121	124	● ..	8.2	6.7	..
37⅛	21	Wells Fargo	29¼	..	..			
550	290	Wintrust	435	460	● ..	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	290	Allied-Lyons (aa)	373	377	-2	18.2	4.3	11.1
10⅜	745½	Bass (aa)	855	860	-2	26.8	3.1	12.8
77	35	Belhaven	42	44	..	1.3	3.0	15.5
330	174	Boddington	141	145	..	5.1	3.6	15.8
245	131	Buckleys	182	190	..	4.4	2.4	57.4
239	139	Bulmer (H P)	167	175	+2	8.2	4.8	12.1
195	120	Burtonwood Brew	145	152	..	4.0	2.7	24.1
536	332	Clark (Matthew)	373	383	● ..	13.7	3.6	12.6
361	262	Devenish (JA)	323	332		4.1	1.3	29.9
279½	150	Greenall Whitley	205	212	-3	8.2	3.9	11.9
494	350	Greene King	480	487	-1	9.3	1.9	24.9
390	225	Guinness (aa)	320	323	+1	12.6	3.9	11.5
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	670	690	..	29.5	4.3	12.7
105	68	Highland Distl	102	105	+1	3.4	3.3	16.3
223	138	Invergordon Distl	205	210	..	7.9	3.8	12.8
248	145	Irish Distl	210	220	..			
154	110	Marston Thompson	116	119	..	3.6	3.1	14.9
600	345	Morland	480	510	+2	10.8	2.2	19.8
470	131	SA Brewerles	325	350				
294	178	Scot & New (aa)	275	278	-2½	11.3	4.1	15.4
599	405	Vaux Grp	513	520	..	19.5	3.8	15.8
395	251	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	314	317	+1	12.6	4.0	13.3
400	248	Do 'B'	315	320	+8	12.6	4.0	13.4
374	210	Whitbread Inv	310	320	..	11.9	3.7	36.8
474	277½	Wolvrhmptn & D	385	393	..	8.8	2.1	18.5
477	274	Young 'A'	355	375	..	12.3	3.4	21.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
360	129	Abbey	225	235				
449	252	Amec	360	365	-2	16.8	4.6	13.7
510	265	Anglia Sec	437	462	+2	2.7	0.6	26.5
438	28	Anglo Uto	44	48	● ..	1.4	3.1	63.3
155	88	Arncliffe	105	120	●-2	4.3	3.8	6.7
402	184	Atwoods	292	297	..	8.9	3.0	18.8
442½	218	BPB Ind (aa)	282	287	-4	9.6	3.4	12.3
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	275	285	+2	4.5	1.6	19.8
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	74	77	+1	1.9	2.5	15.8
252	134	Barratt Devs	197	202	..	12.2	6.1	13.1
327	163	Bellway	230	235	+3	11.0	4.7	11.2
186	76	Bellwinch	106	111	●+1	2.9	2.7	9.8
530	178	Berkeley Gp	345	355		3.6	1.0	20.3
148	65	Bett Bros	92	102	+2	4.8	4.9	22.4
675	137	Blockleys	335	365	+5	7.4	2.1	30.1
574	289	Blue Circle (aa)	453	457	-3	18.5	4.1	17.2
295	120	Breedon PLC	235	265	..	8.2	3.3	
253	86	Br Dredging	126	133	..	6.9	5.3	23.6
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	36½	38	-½			96.2
148	79	Bryant	143	145	●-1	4.4	3.1	17.0
38½	10	Burnett & Hallam	13	14½	r ..	..	..	1.5
204	100	CRH	115	120	..			
177	80	Calabread Robey	110	120	..	5.2	4.5	14.4
373	178	Caradon	315	322	..	10.3n	3.2	18.5
163	86	Church Charles	125	130	+3	1.4	1.1	14.0
293	150	Combe Grp	280	300	+2	6.2	2.1	32.7
395	110	Cooson PLC	120	130		2.4	1.9	68.3
387	198	Costain	315	320	+13	12.2	3.8	11.5
402	120	Countryside	300	307	●+10	2.6	0.9	14.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS, TV

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	85	Audio Fidelity	108	113		0.7	0.6	8.6
338	174	Auto Sec	248	253	+1	2.7	1.1	16.6
68	41	Beacon Gp	41	46				
82	22½	Bennett & Fountain	33	35	-1	1.0	2.9	17.3
436	289	BICC (aa)	330	335	-2	17.8	5.3	17.5
148	68	BSR	86	88	-1	3.0	3.4	9.2
244	120	Bick	173	180	●+3	5.8	3.3	12.8
291	85	Borland	98	105				
204	142	Bowthorpe	178	183	..	4.4b	2.4	15.7
274	123	Britannia Security	205	213	●+3	2.7	1.3	17.2
337	203	Br Telecom (aa)	255	258	+2½	12.1	4.7	12.3
156	83	Brown Boveri Kent	103	108	-1	5.1	4.8	10.9
48	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	19	..	0.1	0.6	30.5
308	172½	CAP Group	197	202		2.6	1.3	19.2
148	46	CASE	75	80	+15	0.1	0.1	6.5
575	268	Cable Wireless (aa)	336	340	●+5	8.0	2.4	18.9
378	119	Cambridge Elec	227	232	+1	11.6	5.0	11.6
136	34	Cambridge Instr	38	42	-1	1.0	2.5	4.4
117	45	Chloride	53	54	..	2.6	4.9	14.6
277	140	Cray Elect	226	236	●-1	3.7	1.6	13.9
301	136	Crystalate	158	162		8.0	5.0	7.7
195	45	DDT Group	58	68	-5	1.6	2.5	11.2
142	59	Dale Elec	84	89	●-4	5.1	5.9	10.0
65	34	Dewhurst	48	53	●-2	1.9	3.7	11.5
84	30	Do 'A'	45	50	●-1	1.9	4.0	10.9
585	247	Domino	327	342	● ..	3.8	1.1	18.7
78	45	Dowding & Mills	60	63	..	2.4	3.9	15.2
245	117	Dubilier	150	157	..	4.8	3.1	8.4
284	157	Electrocomponents	198	202	●-1	5.3	2.7	15.7
176	75	Elec Data Process	103	108	● ..	2.9	2.7	8.9
270	56	Electronic Mach	75	85	..	1.2	1.5	87.6
100	48	Electronic Rentals	97	101	..	4.4	4.4	38.7
510	289	Emess	415	423	-3	11.0a	2.6	16.1
505	241	Eurotherm	350	360	●+2	8.2	2.3	13.0
213	68	FKI Babcock	134	138	-1	2.2	1.6	18.3
278	138	Farnell Elect	163	167	-2	4.1	2.5	14.9
156	67	Ferranti (aa)	83	85	+1	2.8	3.3	11.7
118	40	Forward Tech	62	67	..	1.0	1.5	12.3
251	148	GEC (aa)	150	153	● ..	7.7	5.1	9.7
308	173	Halmed Simon	209	216	..	2.8	1.3	..
104	51	Highland Elect	50	53	..	3.4	6.5	7.7
340	148	Hoskyns Gp	270	280	+6	2.9	1.1	24.7

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1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
40	10	KCA Drilling	20	22	..	..	..	8.8
397	161	LASMO (aa)	328	330	-2	12.0e	4.0	62.3
233	140	Do Units	160	170	+5	42.7	25.9	..
[illegible]	12	Magnet	[illegible]	24	-1	..	..	..
63	14	New London Oil	21	23	+1	..	..	..
98	11½	Oil Search	40	41				
196	52	Petrocon	48	55	..	2.5	4.8	8.2
5¾	1½	Petrel	[illegible]	[illegible]		..	..	..
50½	33	Premier	64	65	+2½	..	..	34.1
453	155	Ranger	315	320	+5	..	..	..
69¾	56	Royal Dutch	64¼	..	+¼			
15½	[illegible]	Shell (aa)	10⅝	10⅞	● ..	65.9	6.3	11.0
362	158	Sceptre	358	306	+18	9.6	3.2	28.1
145	36	Sovereign	107	113	-1	..	..	7.0
[illegible]	13	TR Energy	12	14	..	..	..	12.7
[illegible]	9	Tenget	7	10	..	..	..	..
201	74	Tricentrol	193	201	..	.. e	..	8.7
251	116	Triton Europe	133	152	-1	..	..	..
3.5	137	Ultramar (aa)	255	260	+5	8.9	3.4	16.3
112	40	Woodside	63	64	+2	..	..	..

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
54	26	Boustead	47	49	+1	0.3	0.6	
219	107	Cotlingham	135	140		9.7	7.0	20.4
130	79	Finlay (James)	85	86	-1	5.7	6.6	
762	413	Harrison Crosfield	575	582	+4	32.9	5.7	20.9
850	525	Inchcape (aa)	713	717	+4	30.6	4.3	17.1
303	197	Lonrho (aa)	250	252	●+3	17.7	7.1	10.0
[illegible]	45	Ocean Wilson	58	63	-2	3.4	5.6	9.5
[illegible]	290	Paterson Zoch	315	325	..	9.7	3.0	9.9
415	290	Do A	315	325	..	9.9	3.1	9.9
353	137	Polly Peck	328	332	● ..	10.6	3.9	6.7
[illegible]	43	Sime Darby	63	68	..			
150	53	Tozer Kemsley	67	69	+½	2.9	3.3	7.2

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TEXTILES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
176	75	Sirdar	109	112	-1	7.1	6.4	15.9
205	70	Smallshaw (R)	98	108	..	3.8	3.7	9.5
130	32	Stoddard	70	75	..	2.5	3.4	8.8
253	133	Textured Jersey	178	188	●+1	8.6	4.7	15.4
600	246	Tomkinsons	485	505	..	9.6	1.9	13.4
164	87½	Tootal	116	119	..	6.0	5.1	14.8
169	30	West Trust	33	40	-1	3.4e	9.2	12.5
378	175	Yorklyde	203	213	+5	10.3	5.0	8.5

TOBACCOS

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
709	389	BAT (aa)	450	455	+4	21.0	4.6	10.7
138	118	Carroll	130	145	..	..	..	..
499	177	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	432	435	+1	11.2	2.6	12.0

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	113.0	121.1	-1.2	9.08
Hi Inc Equity	117.6	125.7	-0.5	4.73
Worldwide Bd	188.8	198.8●	-0.2	4.88
American Gth	142.2	152.0	-0.5	1.53
Asian Pacific	56.9	60.8	-1.4	1.59
Assets & Earns	129.4	138.3	-7.1	1.70
Capital Res	77.9	78.0●	-0.9	1.29
Comm Energy	83.4	89.1	+0.2	0.00
Euro Capital	65.4	69.9	+0.3	1.07
General	162.7	171.8	-0.3	2.82
Japan	89.7	95.9	+1.2	..
UK Gth Inc	120.1	128.4	-0.7	1.88
Do Acc	176.1	188.3	-1.2	1.29
US Emerg Co	38.0	40.6●	+0.2	0.00
Income Gth	244.6	261.6	-1.4	3.63
Master Acc	68.4	73.1	+0.1	2.54
American Inc	40.0	42.7●	..	6.42
Ethical Tst	41.4	44.2	-0.5	2.83
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 20, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 6801				
UK Growth	31.0	33.0	-0.1	3.39
N Amer Inc	24.0	25.5	..	4.85
World Gth	38.0	40.4	+0.1	1.25
Extra Inc	38.0	40.4●	-0.1	6.16
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	37.8	40.3	-0.2	2.28
Amer Extra Inc	34.7	37.0●	+0.1	6.27
Australian	16.6	17.7	-0.2	1.98
Euro Tst	40.4	43.0●	+0.2	1.39
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.1	24.6●	-0.1	9.75
Global Income	33.7	35.9c	..	5.39
Hi Income	53.9	57.4	-0.3	5.37
Income Growth	64.7	68.9	-0.5	4.34
International	80.6	86.0	-0.2	0.82
Japan Gen	153.3	163.1	..	0.01
Special Sits	62.6	66.8	-0.5	1.32
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494				
Euro Gth Acc	100.0	106.5●	-0.6	1.10
Exempt	386.4	409.0●	+3.8	4.65
Far Eastern	187.7	204.5●	-1.8	0.10
Fin & Prop	79.6	84.3●	+0.4	2.53
Hi Yield	73.1	77.4	+0.5	4.85
Income & Gth	303.9	321.9	+2.9	4.40
Inv Earnings	178.4	189.0	+1.1	2.90
Int Growth Inc	81.6	86.9●	-0.1	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	143.3	153.9	+0.5	0.20
N Amer Gth Inc	105.5	113.9	+1.1	2.70

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE : 01-588 0868				
Capital	397.8	423.2	-2.1	2.59
Income	348.5	370.8	-1.5	5.27
Nth Amer	228.7	243.4	-0.6	1.95
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Investment	440.7		..	4.79
Fixed Int	146.4		..	9.76
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	414.35		..	5.04
Acc	£12.7515		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.40
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD 01-606 6922				
Man Reinmt	23.0	24.3●	-0.6	..
SC Special Sits	61.0	64.6	..	0.44
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	18.4	19.5	..	0.07
Atlas Gth	21.2	22.5	..	1.06
Dragon Gth	19.5	20.7	..	1.79
Equity Hi Inc	56.4	58.6	-0.1	4.78
European Gth	23.5	24.9	+0.1	1.86
Gen Equity	48.7	51.5	-0.3	2.82
G/F Intrst Gth	33.2	34.9	-0.3	7.32
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.7	27.0	-0.3	8.84
Int Income Tst	22.4	23.8●	-0.1	5.75
Japan Gth	44.4	47.0	+0.3	0.00
Pedigree Gth	29.3	31.0	-0.1	2.14
Special Sits	35.3	37.3	-0.3	2.02
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	53.1	56.6	-0.7	3.48
Do Acc	54.4	57.8	-0.7	3.48
Income Inc	54.8	58.3●	-0.5	4.18
Do Acc	56.8	60.5●	-0.5	4.18
Worldwide Inc	42.1	45.0	-0.4	1.22
Do Acc	42.4	45.4	-0.4	1.22

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Inc Fd	91.5	97.4c	-0.8	4.52
Far East Fd	84.6	90.0	+0.5	0.00
Overseas Inc	56.3	59.9	+0.2	4.92
Fxd Interest	59.1	62.9	+0.1	9.09
Natural Res Fd	52.7	56.1	+0.1	2.16
European Inc	58.0	61.8●	+0.2	2.49
Financials Fd	44.3	47.2●	+0.4	2.56
Int Tech Fd	100.0	106.4	-1.0	0.88
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	66.0	70.4	-0.2	..
Do Inc	64.4	68.7	-0.2	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.4	30.5	-0.2	..
Do Inc	27.2	29.0	-0.2	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	55.0	58.6	-0.1	..
Do Inc	48.9	52.1	-0.1	5.90
Serv Co Acc	68.0	72.6	-0.2	..
Do Inc	66.8	71.3	-0.2	0.80
Amer Gth Acc	21.2	22.6●	..	..
Do Inc	21.1	22.4●	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.8	16.8●	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.5	16.5●	..	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: Callfree 0800 414161				
American	93.4	99.9	-0.9	1.23
Amer Eqty Inc	25.3	27.1	+0.1	4.11
Amer Spec Sit	44.3	47.4	+0.5	0.01
Australia	20.5	21.9	..	2.58
European	50.2	53.7	-0.7	..
European Inc	19.8	21.1●	-0.2	4.82
Global Conv	22.4	23.9c	+0.2	5.70
Far East Inc	36.5	38.9	-0.3	3.88
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.3	30.6●	+0.1	9.68
Growth & Inc	114.5	122.5	+1.2	4.25
Japan Spec Sit	67.4	72.1	+0.3	..
Japan	158.6	167.5	-2.0	..
Managed Intl	118.3	125.9●	-1.7	0.78
Inc Plus	102.4	109.6●	-1.8	4.77
Famous Name	39.9	42.7	-0.2	2.73
SE Asia	31.9	34.2	-0.2	0.79
Spec Sit	242.5	259.4	+0.7	0.81
Eastern Opps	20.8	22.2●	-0.2	..
Intl Bond	24.2	25.8	+0.1	6.79
Recovery	27.9	29.9c	+0.8	2.47
Moneybuilder	24.2	25.8	..	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	161.8	170.7	-0.5	..
Do Acc	165.3	174.4	-0.4	..
Amer Turn Inc	177.6	187.4	-0.7	1.03
Do Acc	184.2	194.4	-0.7	1.03

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0828				
Int Gth	87.8	93.3	-0.1	1.12
American Gth	56.4	60.3	+0.2	1.25
American Inc	55.8	59.5●	+0.2	5.02
European Gth	44.8	47.9s	+0.2	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	45.8	48.9	+0.1	0.70
Japan Gth	61.1	65.3s	+0.3	..
Pacific Inc	73.9	78.6	-0.1	3.67
Pacific Smll	38.4	41.0●	-0.5	0.41
UK Prog Inc	72.0	77.0	-0.2	4.53
UK Spec Opps	138.9	146.5●	-0.6	1.46
Gt Britain	36.9	39.4	..	3.15
UK Sml Co	35.7	38.1a	..	0.67
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 3993				
Gt/Fxd Interest	120.7	125.5●	-1.1	8.90
Gth Equity	235.4	249.2	-2.0	2.39
Guardhill	298.5	309.3●	-3.9	3.25
Income Tst	95.3	100.9	-0.9	3.76
Int Tst	103.3	109.4●	..	1.29
N American	118.9	125.9	-0.9	1.31
Pacific	251.9	268.6	+0.5	0.00
Prop Share	344.5	384.6	+5.3	1.97
Smaller Co	280.0	298.4	-0.8	1.68
European Tst	221.3	234.2	+0.3	1.46
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 5333				
Global Gth	36.0	38.3	+0.2	0.80
High Income	91.4	97.3	+0.8	5.36
N Amer Tst	88.7	94.4●	+1.1	0.82
Pacific Gth	40.5	43.1	+0.2	0.50
Recovery	314.4	334.5	-1.1	2.37
St Vincent Inc	104.2	106.9●	+0.3	4.98
St Vinc US Gth	50.2	52.3●	..	1.09
Temp B Sm Co	235.1	248.0	..	3.22
Euro Gth Tst	41.1	43.7●	+0.3	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Eqty Inc	50.9	54.0	+0.1	6.22
Canadian Tst	40.3	42.8	+0.3	1.28
Equity Income	105.7	112.2	-0.3	5.44
European Tst	78.8	83.4c	+0.1	1.02
High Income	81.4	86.4●	-0.1	5.89
Int Sits Tst	48.5	51.8	+0.1	0.81
Japan/F East	113.2	120.1	+0.5	0.05
Nth Amer Tst	52.5	55.7	+0.4	1.26

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Shrt Dtd Gilt Fd	76.5	77.5	-0.5	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	€53.0	53.1	-0.1	..
Challenger	52.8	53.0	-0.5	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	66.3	70.6	-0.1	6.40
Income	76.7	81.8●	-0.6	4.09
Gth	78.4	83.5●	-0.5	2.27
Prop Share	43.2	46.0	+1.2	1.80

Prices refer to Wednesday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 8th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987/88 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	93	Gibbons Lyons	135	155	..	5.7	3.9	17.8
247	130	Gibbs Mew	200	215	●-3	5.5	2.6	18.8
125	47	Global Gp	72	77	..	4.1	5.5	9.9
180	100	Godwin Warren	118	123	..	3.0	2.5	17.2
250	145	Goodhead Print	175	180	●-2	5.5	3.1	14.0
195	92	Graham Motor Gp	103	113	-2	1.7	1.6	..
113	66	Grangye Surface	72	77	+2	3.6	4.8	11.6
310	152	Great Southern	256	265	..	4.6	1.8	19.1
290	160	Green (Ernest)	215	230	..	5.8	2.6	16.2
256	146	Halls Homes	160	170	+5	3.8	2.3	25.2
131	62	Hampden Homecare	85	90	+3	2.2	2.5	12.7
98	23	Harmony Leisure	65	67	..	0.1	0.2	..
123	66	Hatfield Estates	120	125	+2	2.1	1.7	..
72	15	Hawthorn Leslie	29	30	..	0.3	1.0	29.5
170	45	Health Care	78	83	-2	1.2	1.5	20.5
230	95	Usher (Frank)	155	160	..	6.6	4.2	11.1
90	58	WSP Hldgs	62	67	..	..	..	..
103	43	Wayne Kerr	72	77	+4	2.3	3.1	23.8
48	5	Welpac	22	27	-1	0.5	2.0	17.0
95	41	Wentworth	40	45	+2	2.4	5.6	13.9
186	98	West Yorkshire	162	167	..	6.2	3.8	15.6
358	166	Whitney Mackay	200	220	-5	3.8	1.8	26.9
38½	9½	Williams Syst	25	26½	+1½	0.1	0.4	63.4
117	18½	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	55	57	-½	1.0	1.8	48.3
223	133	Wood John D & Co	147	157	●+17	3.4	2.2	15.4
210	80	Woolfords Better	135	155	..	5.3	3.7	20.0
153	76	Wld of Leather	102	112	+4	4.5	4.2	14.9
310	145	Wyevale	163	173	-5	4.0	2.4	17.7
97	56	Wyko	67	70	● ..	3.6	5.2	18.1
71	23	Yelverton	31	36	..	..	..	29.5
146	55	York Mount	65	70	+2	2.7	4.0	17.7
173	51	Yorks Tst Gp	62	67	..	2.0	3.1	15.0
155	51	Zygal Dynamics	75	85		1.4	1.8	11.5

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
485	155	Abelscot	170	185	-5	4.8	2.7	14.8
93	18	Aber Am Pet	33	36	-1	..	..	..
150	100	Allied Ins	100	107	+4	5.5	5.3	13.3
83	18	Amercoeur	28	33	..	..	..	..
111	63	Antarctan Res	80	85	..	..	..	..
110	30	Beckenham	80	85	-2	..	..	..
285	102	Broadcast	167	177	-3	..	..	..
192	61	Camotech	103	111	..	2.8	2.6	29.6
103	45	Catalyst	52	56	+1	..	..	17.9
203	110	Chelsea Art	138	148	-2	..	..	..
110	37	Chemex Intl	41	46	-1	..	..	..
180	65	Comac	78	88	..	3.3	4.0	11.7
151	34	Corton Bch	61	65	-2	0.6	1.0	17.0
228	123	Crows Eye	140	150	..	..	..	43.9
62	6	Eglinton	11½	13	..	..	..	..
41	7	Do Wnts	6	8	..	..	..	..
188	65	Far E Res	122	132	-1	..	..	..
53	19	Hanoruble	35	37	+1	..	..	..
82	41	Kemp (PE)	47	52	..	..	..	..
133	56	Leading Lsr	90	93	-3	1.6	1.7	18.8
95	45	Lyna Tech	50	60	..	..	..	6.3
180	87	Medirace	122	127	-4	..	..	..
41	23	Morton Gp	20	25	..	..	..	..
80	13	Pub Hldgs	17	20	..	..	..	11.0
128	70	Seacon	67	72	..	..	..	..
221	200	Takare	213	223	..	..	..	..
87	35	Theme Hldgs	45	50	●-4	1.4	2.9	25.1
210	125	UPL	120	130	..	..	..	..
140	103	Unit Group	128	138	● ..	6.9	5.2	7.4

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $446.75-447.25 Close: $443.00-443.50
High: $446.75-447.25 Low: $442.50-443.25

COINS: *Per coin (Ex VAT)*
Britannia: $455.00-460.00 (£247.50-250.50)
Krugerrand: $442.50-445.50 (£240.50-242.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $455.00-460.00 (£247.50-250.50)
American Eagles: $455.00-460.00 (£247.50-250.50)
New Sovereigns: $104.00-105.00 (£56.50-57.25)
Old Sovereigns: $104.00-105.50 (£56.50-57.50)
Platinum: $499.50 (£270.30)
Palladium: $122.00 (£66.00)
Silver: $6.28-6.30 (£3.415-3.430)

ICIS-LOR Group

Brent was supported by tighter physicals but under pressure from reports of Saudi discounts. These worried US players too, but the Merc was held up by the political tension in Central America. Result: A virtual stalemate. Price jitters caused product players to sideline.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)			
Brent Phys		14.50	+10
15 day Apr		14.50	
15 day May		14.60	-05
WTI Apr		16.00	+10
WTI May		15.75	
PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery			
Prem Gas .15		166-167	
Gasoil EEC		133-134	-1
Non 2H Mar	-1	128-130	
Non 1H Apr	-2	126-127	
3.5 Fuel Oil	+1	64-65	+1
Naphtha	+1	136-138	+1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Apr 88 Hi 1712-1675 Low Close 1712.0
Jul 88 Hi 1580-1552 Low Close 1579.0
Oct 88 Hi 1610-1585 Low Close 1599.0
Jan 89 Hi 1600-1575 Low Close 1594.0
Vol 774 lots Open interest 2697
Dry cargo index 1610.5 +14.0 on 16/3/88

GAS OIL *G W Joynson*
Apr 125.00-25.25
May 123.50-23.75
Jun 125.50-25.75
Jul 125.75-26.00
Aug 127.50-28.00
Sep 128.00-31.00
Oct 126.00-32.00
Nov 124.00-32.00
Dec 122.00-27.00
Vol 4871

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter
Apr .... unq.
May .... unq.
Vol 0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	142.50	144.20
May	150.50	151.90
Nov	94.00	94.80
Feb	100.50	100.50
		Vol 380

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 77.4 (day's range 77.4-77.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for March 17

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8350-1.8570	1.8350-1.8360	0.33-0.30pr	0.92-0.87pr
Montrl	2.2919-2.3231	2.2919-2.2950	0.15p-0.05ds	0.24-0.02pr
Amstrdm	3.4732-3.4921	3.4792-3.4829	1¾-1⅝pr	4⅜-3⅞pr
Brussels	64.28-65.03	64.28-64.44	27-7pr	54-32pr
Copnhgn	11.8570-11.952	11.8642-11.8890	⅝pr-1¼ds	⅜-1¼ds
Dublin	1.1575-1.1695	1.1590-1.1600	17-9pr	40-29pr
Frankft	3.0910-3.1079	3.0984-3.1028	1¾-1⅝pr	4½-3⅞pr
Lisbon	251.76-255.15	251.76-252.82	99-166ds	293-400ds
Madrid	207.53-208.82	207.81-208.29	27-48ds	25-126ds
Milan	2293.75-2310.11	2293.75-2298.67	1-9ds	8-16ds
Oslo	11.6642-11.8087	11.6642-11.6889	4⅝-5⅛ds	15⅝-16⅝ds
Paris	10.5155-10.5803	10.5191-10.5340	⅜pr-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅝ds
Stckhlm	10.9632-11.0445	10.9632-10.9747	⅞-1⅜ds	1¼-2⅜ds
Tokyo	235.29-236.67	235.61-235.93	1⅛-⅞pr	3-2⅞pr
Vienna	21.71-21.85	21.71-21.74	9⅞-8¼pr	27½-24⅝pr
Zurich	2.5578-2.5713	2.5681-2.5713	1⅞-1¾pr	4⅜-4⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

*Argentina austral**	11.4974-11.5961
Australia dollar	2.5010-2.5041
Bahrain dinar	0.6930-0.6970
Brazil cruzado *	198.70-199.80
Cyprus pound	0.82-0.88
Finland marka	7.45-7.49
Greece drachma	246.25-248.25
Hong Kong dollar	14.343-14.353
India rupee	23.77-23.97
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5045-0.5085
Malaysia dollar	4.7161-4.7215
Mexico peso	4150-4250
New Zealand dollar	2.7509-2.7566
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.8925-6.9325
Singapore dollar	3.7065-3.7113
S Africa rand (fin)	4.9390-5.0500
S Africa rand (com)	3.9510-3.9588
U A E dirham	6.75-6.79

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5855-1.5875	Denmark	6.4500-6.4550	Italy	1246.0-1249.0
Singapore	2.0155-2.0170	W Germany	1.6855-1.6865	Belgium (Com)	35.20-35.25
Malaysia	2.5645-2.5660	Switzerland	1.3965-1.3975	Hong Kong	7.7995-7.8005
Australia	1.3600-1.3610	Netherlands	1.8930-1.8940	Portugal	137.50-138.00
Canada	1.2490-1.2500	France	5.7190-5.7220	Spain	112.50-112.60
Sweden	5.9640-5.9690	Japan	128.35-128.45	Austria	11.77-11.78
Norway	6.3475-6.3525				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9 Low 4 Week fixed: 8½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth — 8⁷⁄₁₆ 3 mth — 8⅜
Selling: 2 mth — 8⅜ 3 mth — 8⁵⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₃₂-8⁹⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 8¹¹⁄₃₂-8⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8¹¹⁄₃₂-8⁹⁄₁₆
6 mth 8⅝-8⁵⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 9 2 mth: 9 3 mth: 9
6 mth 9

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8½ close 9
1 week: 8½-8⅜ 1 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8¾-8⅝
6 mth: 8⅞-8¾ 9 mth: 9⅛-9 12 mth: 9¼-9⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8½ 7 day: 8½ 1 mth: 8⅝
3 mth: 8¾ 6 mth: 8⅞ 12 mth: 9⅛

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8¾-8⅝ 2 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8¹³⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9⅜-8⅞ 12 mth: 9³⁄₁₆-9

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8⁹⁄₁₆-8¹⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 8⅝-8½ 6 mth: 8²⁵⁄₃₂-8²³⁄₃₂
12 mth: 8³¹⁄₃₂-8⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 6.70-6.65 *3 mth: 6.75-6.70* 6 mth: 6.95-6.90
12 mth: 7.10-7.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar: Call: 6⅞-5⅝	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	6¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7-6⅞
Deutschemark: Call: 3½-2½	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3⅜-3¼	3½-3⅜
French Franc: Call: 7¼-6⅜	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8⅛-8	8½-8⅜	8⁹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
Swiss Franc: Call: 1⅝-⅞	1⅝-1⅛	1¹¹⁄₁₆-1⁹⁄₁₆	1⅞-1¾	2⁵⁄₁₆-2³⁄₁₆
Yen: Call: 3⅞-2⅞	4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆	4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: February 29, 1988. Agreed rates March 26, 1988 to April 25, 1988. Scheme I: 10.45 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.56 per cent. Reference rate January 30, 1988 to February 29, 1988. Scheme IV: 9.247 per cent.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 30579		
Jun 88	91.00	91.35	91.00	91.20	18247
Sep 88	90.85	91.00	90.84	90.96	1150
Dec 88	90.67	90.75	90.67	90.74	110
Mar 89	90.54	90.54	90.53	90.56	61
Jun 89	90.40	90.40	90.40	90.38	50
Sep 89	NT	—	—	90.18	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 24395		
Jun 88	92.75	92.87	92.75	92.86	7154
Sep 88	92.45	92.58	92.45	92.57	1616
Dec 88	92.18	92.22	92.17	92.29	480
Mar 89	91.98	91.97	91.96	92.06	62
Jun 89	91.73	91.75	91.73	91.85	38
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.67	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7233		
Mar 88	93-07	93-07	93-07	93-12	100
Jun 88	91-16	92-16	91-14	92-08	12004
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 28135		
Mar 88	123-04	123-04	122-13	122-16	218
Jun 88	122-31	123-06	121-29	122-05	41385
Sep 88	98-05	98-05	98-00	98-03	31
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 9040		
Mar 88	180.40	182.70	180.40	182.10	1143
Jun 88	182.40	184.50	182.40	184.10	209
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 402		
Jun 88	107.58	107.76	107.58	107.71	377
Sep 88	106.90	106.96	106.90	107.08	100

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Mar 902-903 Dec 982-983
May 923-924 Mar 1006-1008
Jul 940-942 May 1022-1025
Sep 958-959 Vol 4791

COFFEE G W Joynson
Mar 1108-108 Nov 1218-220
May 1138-140 Jan 1250-260
Jul 1167-168 Mar 1270-290
Sep 1190-195 Vol 5043

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 5487
May 194.6-95.0 Dec 193.0-93.8
Aug 194.6-94.8 Mar 194.8-95.2
Oct 194.8-95.0 May 197.2-97.8

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 221
Mr 102.25 My 104.00 Jl 106.25
Sp 100.90 Nv 102.75 Ja 105.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 20
Mr 101.85 My 103.40 Sp 97.70
Nv 100.30 Ja 102.60 Mr 104.60

SOYABEAN
Apr 124.0-25.0 Oct 121.0-22.0
Jun 120.4-21.0 Dec 124.5-25.2
Aug 120.4-20.7 Apr 125.0-30.0
Vol 68

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1298.0-1230.0	1219.0-1221.0	215700	Firm
Copper Stand	1248.0-1258.0	1190.0-1200.0	n/a	Quiet
Lead	352.50-353.50	332.00-333.00	26475	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde	527.00-528.00	527.00-528.00	19800	Steady
Silver Large†	628.00-628.50	639.00-642.00	58	Quiet
Silver Small†	628.00-628.50	639.00-642.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1353.0-1354.0	1242.5-1243.0	133325	Firm
Aluminium HI*	2490.0-2500.0	2280.0-2300.0	3300	Quiet
Nickel*	13500-14000	11420-11450	5538	Quiet

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (p/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	unq.	90.50
Jun	92.00	91.50
Aug	91.50	91.50
Oct	94.30	94.30

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	unq....	——
Jun	——	——
Aug	——	——

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on March 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	70.11	184.35	110.64
GB (+/-)	-1.34	*-8.30	+0.27
Eng/Wal (%)	-0.7	-23.0	-12.3
Eng/Wal (p)	70.12	182.35	110.35
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.45	-9.03	-0.13
Scotland (%)	-14.8	-34.4	-16.5
Scotland (p)	69.86	191.11	111.38
Scotland (+/-)	+1.04	+2.56	+1.33

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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The new gateway to the world

Today the Queen opens the North Terminal at Gatwick Airport, the best equipped in Europe. **Harvey Elliott, Air** Correspondent, reports

Pictures: John Manning

The first passengers to pass through the gleaming new North Terminal at Gatwick this month will be boarding every type of aircraft in the newly merged British Airways-British Caledonian fleet — except one. The faithful old workhorse of BCAL, the BAC 1-11 which for years has ferried millions of people to and from Europe's capitals stays at the South Terminal.

The reason is that the new passenger walkway jetties can't stoop down towards the low-slung doors of the 1-11. They can easily reach the exits of the Boeing 747 or the DC 10, the 737 or the A320. But, as one airport worker who tested the jetties on the 1-11 said: "The passsengers would have to ski down to the 1-11s if they used the jetties built for the North Terminal."

The difference was spotted, by the airport's fire brigade during extensive pre-opening checks of the new terminal.

It is a typical example of the attention to detail to ensure that the North Terminal, which is today opened officialy by the Queen, will be the best designed, the most tested and the best equipped airport building in Europe.

It is costing the British Airports Authority more than £250 million and is the largest single construction project south of London to have taken place in the 1980s. Its aim is to extend Gatwick's capacity from 16 million passengers a year to a maximum of 25 million by the mid-1990s.

The first indication of the need to build a new terminal came with the Gatwick Airport Master Plan report in 1974 and became part of the Government's long-term strategy for London airports following a White Paper in 1978, which also included the fourth terminal at Heathrow airport and the expansion of Stansted in Essex.

Since 1974, the number of people using Gatwick airport has tripled and movements have reached 160.000 a year.

Following a public inquiry into the future of Gatwick in 1980, the Secretaries of State for Environment and for Trade granted outline planning consent for the North Terminal in November 1982. Detailed planning permission was then needed from Crawley Borough Council which passed each of the plans as they were submitted and gave the final green light in May 1983.

Now Gatwick has the most modern. efficient and one of the roomiest airport terminals in the world.

British Airways sees the completion of the North Terminal as of particular significance: it means that it has a unique opportunity to bring its new partner, British Caledonian, into the same building at the same time as the two airlines merge.

Four days after the Queen opens the terminal, the first 23 scheduled BA flights to destinations as far apart as Europe and the Caribbean are to be handled through the terminal. Five days later BCAL's long-haul flights will join them.

The 20-flights-a-day scheduled by British Airtours this summer will also operate from the North Terminal under its new name of Caledonian.

Only the BCAL domestic services, together with the European routes operated by the "too low" 1-11s and the Cal Air charter flights, will remain in the South. The rest of the BA unified route structure will go from the North.

Cost: £250 million plus
Target: 25m passengers

There will still be many airlines flying from the South Terminal, for Gatwick handles well over 106 airlines in a year and only BA will be allowed to use the North Terminal under an exclusive deal with the BAA.

The North Terminal will itself grow over the years. Phase I will provide enough room for about five million more passengers and by the mid-1990s will have grown to accommodate another four million with more jetties and more aircraft able to park.

By then, too, the 1-11 will have been phased out and the CAA will have made its decision on whether BA will be able to continue operating all the domestic and European service still flown by BCAL.

In an ideal world providing all these extra facilities would have required far more space than Gatwick possesses. Its total area of 1,876 acres is small compared to many international airports which handle far fewer people.

So the architects who designed the terminal had to use every trick in the book to use space as efficiently as possible. It meant building on three stories, wrapping piers around the terminal, using an elevated roadway to the departure area and a rapid transit train link to the South Terminal and the mainline railway station.

From the beginning, BA experts worked with the BAA to plan the interior lay-out of the departure and arrivals halls to ensure that passengers' needs were best served. Outside, landscape artists and designers came up with the solution of using the striking blue enamelled panels on the walls to give the building depth yet enable it to blend into the countryside by reflecting the colours and patterns of the sky and the weather.

The building itself is 140 metres square and 22 metres high — six times the size of the Royal Albert Hall.

There are the usual range of shops, currency exchanges and duty-free areas as well as an astonishing baggage handling machine which automatically sorts out bags by the sound of the human voice, sending cases on to the right destination in an instant. At least that is what the makers claim.

Computers tick and whirr quietly away in the background, monitoring everything that goes on and sending messages about security checks and ticketing problems to the right person while also looking after the 1.25 kilometre-long track of the monorail linking the two terminals.

The basic design of the terminal has been in the hands of YRM Architects and Planners. The most striking feature of their design is the use of 9,000 prefabricated panels covering the main building in an elaborate sandwick of dark blue vitreous enamel backed by honeycombed aluminium and wood which, as well as looking attractive, provides excellent sound proofing.

Signposting to the 84 check-in desks is simple, and the 17,000 square metres of richly coloured carpet is made in different designs to guide passengers along the right path.

It all began as a flying club

The crowds were flocking to Gatwick in their thousands before the age of powered flight had even begun.

The area, named after a 13th-century landowner, John de Gatewyk, was prominent in the 1890s as one of the south of England's most luxurious racecourses, equipped with its own railway station. The Grand National was held there during the First World War.

Curiously, although the Royal Flying Corps was looking for airfields during the war, nobody seems to have considered the swathe of flat land in and around the racecourse north of Crawley, though its merits became obvious when on three separate occasions pilots made forced landings on nearby farmland.

In fact, Gatwick had to wait until 1930 before it became part of the aviation business, and then only in a very modest way. Ronald Waters, a young flying instructor based at Penshurst aerodrome in Kent, was so convinced Gatwick would be an ideal emergency landing ground for flights from the Continent that he started to buy the land while talking to the Air Ministry about licensing the land for an aerodrome.

The Ministry turned down his idea that it should itself become involved, but it gave him a private users license and Mr Waters started a flying club which seems to have fared quite well as soon as the clubhouse (a wooden shed attached to the hangar) got a drinks licence. Membership was £5 5s for flying members, £2 2s for non-fliers and £3 an hour to hire the aircraft.

Mr Waters seems to have been a pretty hard-boiled young man. In January 1931, one of the club's aircraft, an Avro 504, was doing aerobatics when it went into a spin and crashed into a field, killing everyone on board. "Waters was inevitably saddened by the loss of life," says the Gatwick historian John King, "but at the same time he felt that Gatwick was at last receiving publicity since the accident was reported in several national newspapers."

Mr Waters sold out in 1932 to run a flying circus. The new owner, a rich American, soon tired of the flying business and sold out in 1933. Gatwick's third owner, Morris Jackaman, was a real ball of fire and by 1936 passengers could fly from Gatwick to Paris and Scandinavia on services provided by British Airways Ltd.

The Paris service which ran three times a day on weekdays took 1 hour 14 minutes and cost £4 5s, including a first class rail ticket from Victoria.

The fun came to an abrupt halt in February 1937 when the airport became waterlogged and BAL transferred its services to Croydon. This departure was a terrible blow to Gatwick. But the outbreak of the Second World War was its salvation. The RAF moved in and stayed until 1946.

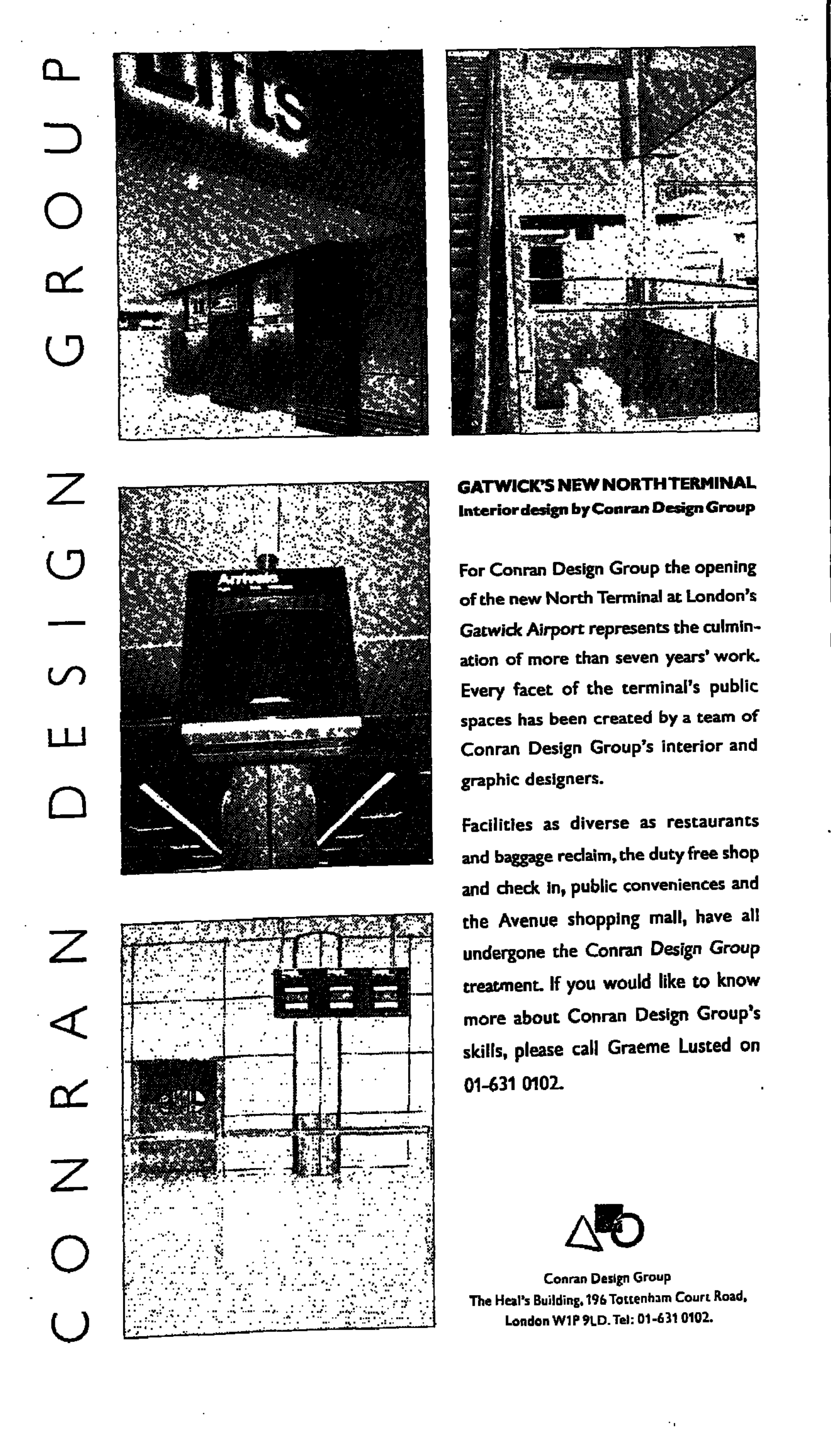
The post-war airfield flourished as former servicemen started forming their own companies with aircraft sold off by the military — many of the planes in the 1948 Berlin airlift flew from Gatwick — but, extraordinarily, it took another decade for the government to come round to the view that Gatwick could become a prime civilian airport.

After endless procrastination, it was designated as London's second airport in 1956.

The airport grew on the back of companies such as the former British United Airways (whose first managing director was Freddie Laker) and later Caledonian Airways (subsequently renamed British Caledonian) which took over BUA in 1970.

Gatwick has grown enormously over the past two decades. But It all seems a very long way from the days when Ronald Waters was offering joy rides to Bank Holiday crowds at 5s a go.

Malcolm Brown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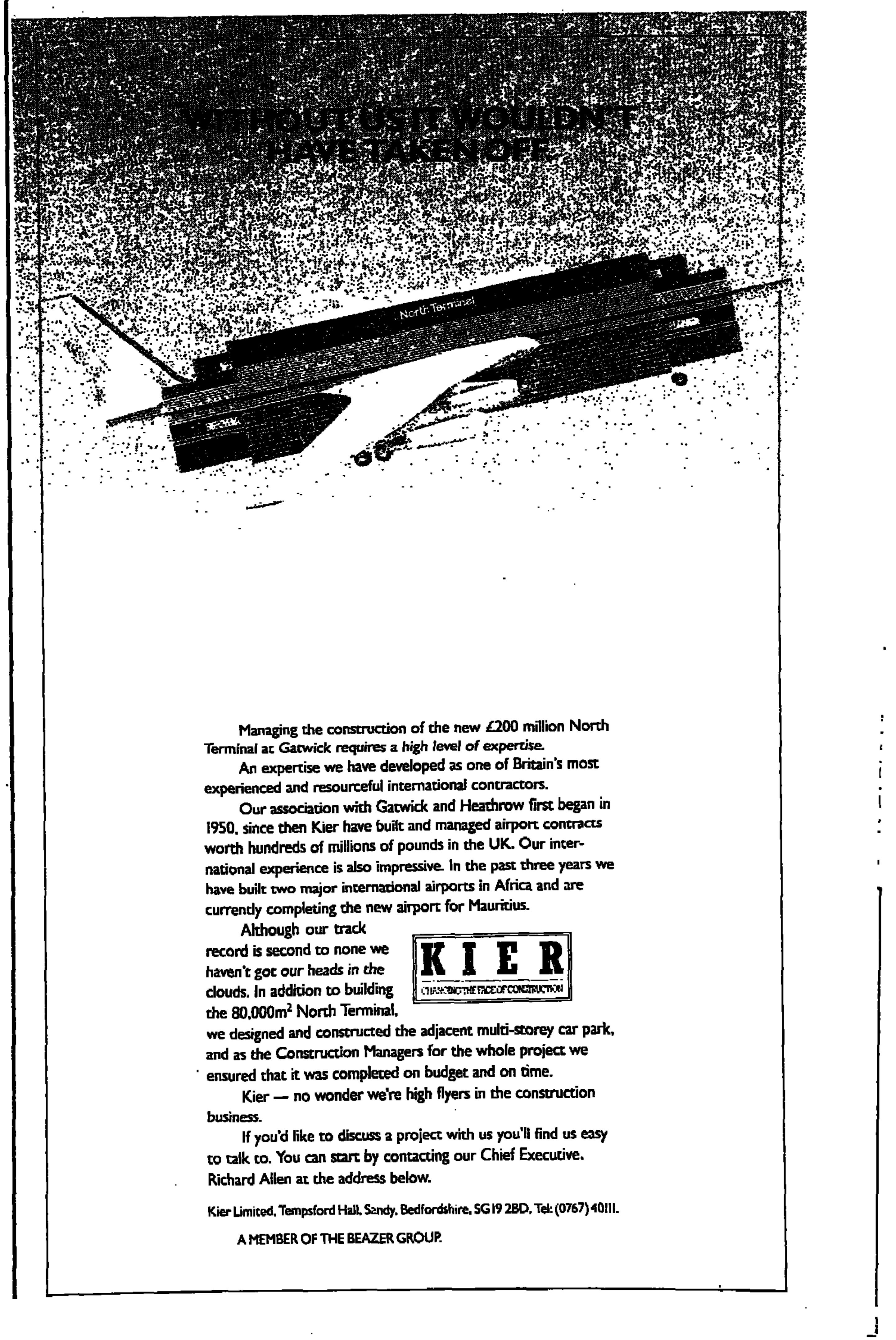
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Coping with the travel boom

Now the world's second busiest airport, it has brought a huge bonus in jobs to the immediate area

On July 26 last year more than 89,000 people passed through Gatwick's passenger terminal. It was as if the entire population of Cheltenham, together with a couple of thousand from the surrounding villages, had decamped to Sussex on the same day. Amazingly, perhaps, Gatwick coped. For the airport staff is now well used to marshalling the ever-growing crowds, *writes Harvey Elliot.*

Since 1958, when the airport was formally opened by the Queen, it has grown to 50 times its size and is now the second busiest international airport in the world, having overtaken New York's John F. Kennedy airport last summer.

In a full year, more than 16 million passengers use the airport. — and for many the vast majority it is the only airport they would consider using. Not only is it in the right place to draw on the vast and wealthy catchment area of the South-East, it has easily the best rail link with London of any airport through the Victoria-Gatwick Express. rail link and, despite the crowds, still manages to retain a sense of being an airport in the countryside.

Bythe early 1950s the boom in air travel started in the 1950s and continued made it was obvious that London was going to need at least two airports, as air travel began its boom years, and in 1956 Gatwick was chosen as the capital's second airport.

Two years later a new terminal was formally opened by the Queen which became the first in Europe to provide passengers with a pier so that passengers aalong which they could walk under cover to their aircraft.into the 1960s when the airport expanded with more piers, car parking space and office blocks to double the capacity of the airport. The runway was extended to accommodate the new faster, bigger jets such as the Boeing's jumbo 747. which were by now coming into service.

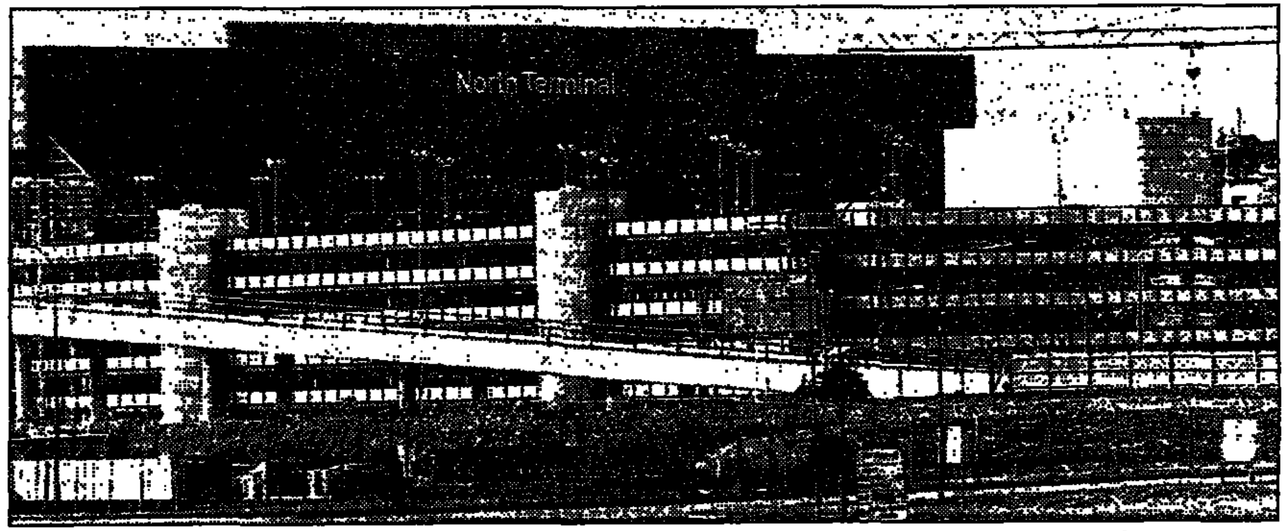
The demand for air travel continued to grow rapidly and in the 1970s a new 400-yard centre pier was built and the main terminal was completely redeveloped. In 1983, the Gatwick Satellite, linked to the main terminal by an automatic rapid transit system, was opened.

Then in November 1982 after seemingly endless public inquiries and political debate a second terminal was approved. Work began in 1983 and today sees its opening, giving Gatwick the capacity, by 1990, to handle up to 25 million people a year or 12,000 an hour.

Within aviation circles, however, there are still many critics who complain about an earlier decision which restricts the airport to only one runway. Had it been possible to build two, they say, the number of flights could have been increased, there would have been the chance of creating a genuine international hub fed by a network of small commuter aircraft, and the constant battle to fit ever more flights into the popular airport would have effectively ended.

But it was not to be and a second runway is now firmly ruled out.

Twice a year, therefore, the 106 airlines whose aircraft fly in and out of Gatwick to more than 50 countries meet to work out their schedules and their "slots" — the times at which they can take off and land. At peak hours there are far more aircraft vying for the vital slot than there is space. This is beacuse the Government has set a limit of 40 movements an hour with a virtual curfew at night.



All glass and no waiters and ready for the 1990s: inside the ultra-modern North Terminal, left; and the massive new facade, below

Recent moves by the Government to ease the congestion during the day and to encourage airlines to invest in more quiet jets have enabled a slight increase in the number of night flights. But the airlines say it is not enough.

Local residents, many of whom depend on the airport for their jobs, are split between those who want even more development at any time of the day or night because it will bring them added job security and increased prosperity, and those who fear the creation of a vast, noisy monster with roaring jets day and night making their lives a misery.

Great efforts have been made to calm their fears and to care for the local environment even though with 17,000 people working there and thousands more in the immediate area producing the vast range of goods and services on which the airport relies, it is not always easy.

But 47,000 trees have been planted around the area, both to screen the airport from view and from noise and to make it look attractive. A consultative committee, involving users of the airport and representatives of the local community, meets regularly to keep an eye on developments, to monitor any noise infringements and to make recommendations for further improvements.

The problem of managing such a large organization, with more than 150,000 take-offs and landing a year, requires an enormous, integrated management structure both in the air and on the ground.

The responsibility for ensuring that the airport is safe lies with the Civil Aviation Authority, which constantly checks the facilities and the work of the Airfield Operations and Safety Unit.

Just clearing the runways is equivalent to scouring 28 miles of a six-lane motorway but Gatwick's high-powered equipment can sweep the two-mile-long, 150ft-wide main runways in just 40 minutes.

Landing at Gatwick in even the worst weather is easy — provided the aircraft is itself has the right equipment — thanks to the Category 111 Instrument Landing System, which can automatically guide an aircraft on to the runway centre line in visibility as low as 200 metres.

The control tower is equipped with ground-movement radar to enable the aircraft to taxi safely to one of the 75 aircraft stands even in the fog.

Gatwick Airport Limited directly employs 1,700 people who, among their many other tasks, keep an eye on the three handling agents who look after inbound and outbound flights.

The main job of any airport, apart from processing the flights and ensuring complete safety, is looking after passengers. Gatwick has created its own "village" of shops on the first floor as well as lounges, duty-free stores — of which Gatwick's is the largest in the country — facilities for mothers with children, meeting places, information desks and children's escort services.

Gatwick is a world of its own, always busy, rarely deserted even in the small hours of the night. There is always work to be done, whether on the runway, preparing the aircraft for the next day's flights, cleaning the dozens of toilets, restaurants and bars, stocking up with the millions of pounds worth of goods sold to departing passengers or maintaining constant security.

Second to Heathrow in air cargo handling

This all means jobs — which is why Crawley, the nearest town, and its surroundings, have the lowest level of unemployment in Britain.

It is an area in which small business can always thrive in providing some new service at the airport, a place where there is a constant demand for new housing in which the ever growing army of workers can live. And it is a gateway through which Britain can export to the world.

Gatwick is second only to Heathrow in the UK in handling air cargo with its nine purpose-built transit sheds processing more than 160,000 tons a year, including 12,500 tons of Royal Mail.

There are 11 stands specifically set aside for cargo, including three big enough for the biggest jumbos. Potentially, the airport can handle 500,000 tons of cargo a year, has an animal-holding unit, radioactive material storage area, X-ray examination unit, a 50-ton weighbridge and a lorry park big enough for 15 40-tonners.

Now that the new North Terminal is opening, there will be more scope for expansion.

A loading bridge at the North Terminal

Pleasing the eye and ear

Who would want a bigger air terminus near his backyard? An airport in the country is fine for visitors coming in, but what about those who moved to the country to escape noise and traffic?

The Gatwick area conservation campaign — more than 100 representatives of local groups and traders — were ready to fight when the North Terminal was being discussed. Even the usual bait — that it would produce extra jobs — lost its savour in an area where there is not a shortage of work, but of workers.

Now that the terminal is up, the daffodils in bud and the area buffered from ear and eye with a huge earthbank and a belt of trees, Neil Matthewson, chairman of the local conservation campaign, says the objectors are pleased.

It is not only that the architects have been environmentally sensitive, it is also that the terminal is placed slap across the site that was once feared to be the route of a second runway.

Now there never will be a second runway: Gatwick is forever a frantically-busy one-runway airport, the busiest single-runway in the world. Besides which, Mr Matthewson admits, the terminal has its visual attractions.

Its bulk is cleverly disguised, the massive metal and concrete frame clad in blue enamelled panels chosen specially as the colour that merges best into the landscape. Even from the distance of the South Terminal it dissolves into the bluish green of the trees beyond, looking far more ethereal than concrete, and reflecting the sky.

Water from the concrete aprons is channeled into the River Mole, which has been diverted five times to make way for new constractions, but first it is cleaned and aerated so that it does not damage the river. The fish thrive in it. But a more sensitive indication is that kingfishers and dragonflies, both particularly susceptible to pollution, do too.

If there were a beauty competition for airports, the North Terminal would probably win the chocolates. But beauty, as all ugly sisters know, is only skin deep. There is also the question of noise.

This is a diminishing problem as aircraft manufacturers, led by the British — the BAe 146 is the quietest machine flying — concentrate on the nearest thing they can get to silent take-off.

The new terminus is sited so that aircraft noise is thrown towards the centre of the airport. The noisiest aircraft — the first generation of jets — are not allowed to fly into Britain at all. The second generation, the medium-noisies, are restricted and may not take off at all between 11.30pm and 6.30am.

Some of the planes have had a "hush-kit" fitted — the BAC1-11, for example, has a 4ft-long silencer to lessen the din, but the days of even middle-noisy machines are numbered and airport officials expect them to be restricted even more with new regulations in April.

Passengers don't want their eardrums blasted either, a point taken at Gatwick where vehicles run silently on electricity, information is given on screens instead of over loudspeakers, and space-invader machines have muted bleeps.

The outer panels of the North Terminal are sound-insulated. Inside, the atmosphere is calm with emphasis on natural light, views of the countryside and airport, and plenty of space.

The huge conservatory entrance over the three levels brings in more light and openness, and the floor is terazzo from Italy, for which, says David Hurst, the publicity man, a whole small quarry was used.

Keeping to the stress-free country airport theme, Conran Design Group, responsible for the interior design, commissioned two water sculptures for the departure lounge.

Yvonne Thomas

Flying start

The Rail Air Terminal at Victoria is the key to getting all journeys using Gatwick off to a flying start. Passengers are provided with full city-centre check-in, baggage handling, reservation and ticketing operations, *writes Tony Cox.*

Richard George, Southern Region's InterCity manager, says: "The terminal provides the best city centre to major airport rail link in the world."

The Gatwick Express, introduced in May 1984, now carries more than 5 million passengers a year on the half-hour journey between the Victoria and the airport. The service runs at 15-minute intervals through the day and hourly from midnight to 6am.

From May, an improved service using the re-opened Snow Hill tunnel, near St Paul's Cathedral, will take passengers to and from Gatwick to London Bridge station and on to Luton and Bedford.

At Gatwick, the Hilton International is unique as the only UK hotel to be within an airport complex. Access to the airport's arrival and departure areas is through a covered walkway, a four-minute stroll from the hotel's front door.

The process is further speeded up for guests travelling with British Airways, or an airline handled by it, because check-in facilities can be completed in the hotel lobby.

The hotel is also the only one in the UK to offer passengers the chance of ordering duty-free goods from their hotel beds. Orders are placed by telephone from a catalogue and collected and paid for after completing check-in and immigration procedures in the hotel lobby.

Built-in room for change

There is no point in planning for the present in the aviation industry: everything moves too fast. It has to be for the future, *writes Yvonne Thomas.*

For example, in Britain 15 out of 100 people travel by air in a year. In the United States, the number is twice as much.

So even just catching up with the Americans, which will be soon, means twice the number of passengers.

Aircraft are getting bigger too; super-jumbos are on the drawing board to take 700 passengers instead of 400.

This is why the multi-million pound North Terminal has been designed for change. The inner walls are mostly plasterboard and the factory-built panels that clad the frame of the building are all the same size and interchangeable. This means that windows, doors and air conditioning can all be swapped around.

Brian Henderson, chief executive of YRM the architects, describes it as a huge stage set that can be altered to suit the current scene.

Only two-thirds of the building is being opened today. The rest is being held in reserve against increased traffic levels in the 1990s.

Lessons have been learned from the South Terminal. Although the new terminal will be taking only a quarter of the traffic at first, the check-in concourse is much wider than in the old building to avoid congestion.

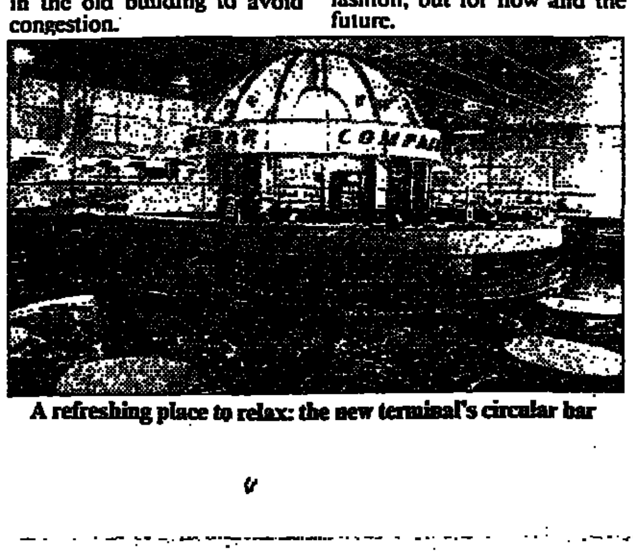
When the first terminal was built, checking-in was much quicker. It took about 35 seconds to peel off a number and stick it on to a ticket. Now it takes more like 2½ minutes for a computer to bounce all the choices through the system. Eventually more computerization will enable passengers to get boarding tickets direct from travel agents.

Most of the North Terminal offices have raised floors so that at a future date computer cables can be laid under them.

Another improvement is faster baggage-reclaim, given high priority by passengers. Computers sort out luggage, get it on to belts and to clearly-numbered sausage-shaped carousels, which take skis better than the circular ones.

Mr Henderson says they have aimed at making the terminal a place where all the traffic flows in a logical way so that there is no need for too many signs.

He adds: "This is a modern building, but we don't want to raise and lower our architectural skirts." It is not a thing of fashion, but for now and the future.



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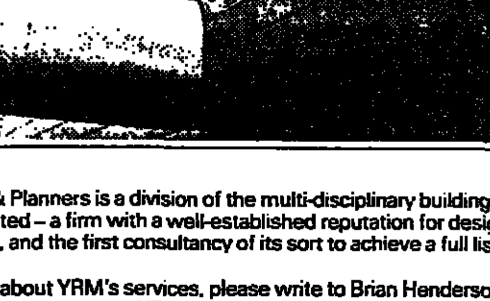

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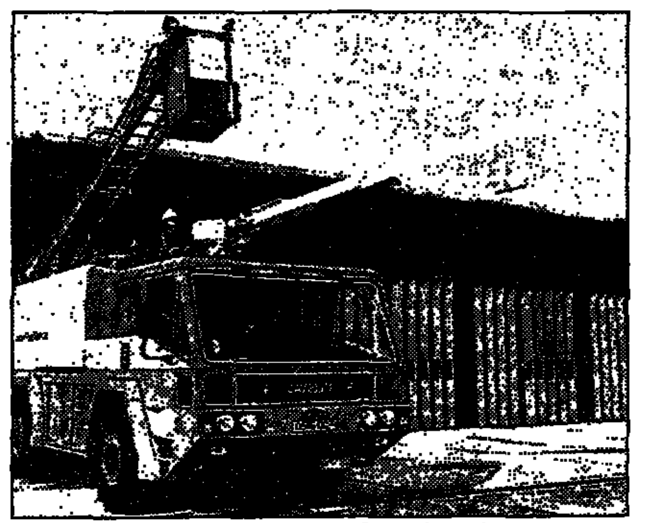

Safety first: whether it is scaring away birds with shots or manning an airport fire engine in a drill

Tony Watson, Gatwick's operations manager, walks across the aircraft parking bay, occasionally stopping to pick something up, then returns with his haul.

The bits and pieces he has collected look innocuous enough — a British Airways teaspoon, an empty "miniature" of whisky, a copper cap from some kind of container — but any of them could cause costly damage to an aircraft.

A jet engine is just about the biggest vacuum cleaner ever made, says Mr Watson, and anything it sucks up off the airport apron could wreck it.

Everyone at Gatwick is constantly vigilant, picking up anything they spot lying loose on any part of the airport where planes move or manoeuvre. Even grass can be a problem: the grass between the runway and the taxiway has to be specially pinned down with netting to stop chunks of loose turf being gobbled up by by the giant engines of a passing jumbo.

Yet the worst offender by far, says John Bourn, Mr Watson's boss, is the humble suitcase wheel. Mr Bourn would like to wring the neck of the person who invented those tiny wheels that passengers fix on their luggage so that they can trundle it around. Walk on to any parking bay and you can guarantee to find them by the gross, broken off and just lying in wait for an aircraft.

Mr Bourn is Gatwick's *Chief of Airside Safety and* Operations, responsible for making sure that the 16 million passengers a year who travel through Gatwick go on their way without mishap.

The services under his command include the fire brigade, snow clearance and the maintenance of the runway and taxiways.

The fire service operates from a station at the centre of the airport. Crews must be able to reach any part of the airport and be producing foam in under three minutes. In fact, the men can do it in just *over two. "As soon as the bell* goes," says senior fire officer John Black, "the best thing you can do is to get out of the way pretty quick."

The vehicles are enormously powerful. They will do 0-50mph in 35 seconds. "If you had an MGB-GT with the same power-to-weight ratio these vehicles have," says Mr Black, "your car would be going as though it was rocket powered."

The fire station is probably one of the best equipped in the country. It has its own training area on the airfield where the crews fight fires on full-sized mock-ups of fuselages and engines, and a "rat run", a special smoke chamber incorporating a man-sized maze, where firemen practice working "blind".

Paradoxically, the firemen probably spend more time on medical emergencies than they do on fires. They are all highly trained in first aid and are called to all airport accidents and medical emergencies, usually getting there first because of the speed of their vehicles. The fire station can get up to eight or nine medical call-outs a day.

Close to the fire station is the snow-clearing bay, row upon row of large, garish yellow machines, the most advanced of which sweep up the snow with enormous rotating brushes then blow it off the runway with a big blaster pipe.

Mr Bourn says that the public seldom realises the hazards that snow can cause for aircraft. They have fought their way to the airport through drifts and icy roads and are angry when they arrive at Gatwick to find that flying restrictions have been imposed because of the snow.

There are two main problems with snow and ice, says Mr Bourn. The first is take-off conditions. An aircraft cannot take off if there is more than 13 millimetres (½in) of slush on the runway. Beyond that limit the so-called retardation effect takes over — the drag on the wheels stops the aircraft accelerating enough to reach take-off speed.

If the crucial 13mm is reached, Mr Bourn immediately orders the runway to close and sends out the snow-clearers. It takes 40 minutes to clear the runway completely.

The other problem is runway friction. The normal friction coefficient of a runway would be about 0.8. But ice, water, slush or snow can lower that dramatically. "Airlines in snow and ice conditions can accept a braking capability of *about 0.3*," says Mr Bourn. "We can find it very difficult to build up a runway to that required friction. We've got to put chemicals on and sweep it until we can get the friction up to a level where the airlines will say 'We'll fly on that'."

Few people realise just what powerful equipment is needed to clear the runways, not least because the snow in Britain *tends to be much wetter than* American or European snow which makes it up to 10 times heavier.

While snow is a seasonal and intermittent difficulty birds are a year-round problem. *Because* airports are wide open spaces with lots of grass and drainage ponds, birds love them. But birds can be potentially lethal for aircraft. Debris on the ground is bad enough; it *is* infinitely worse if the "debris" is a flock of birds being sucked into the engine of a plane in flight, or even smashing into the pilot's windscreen.

Mr Bourn has a team out 24 hours a day scaring them off. In the migratory season he may put three or four teams out simultaneously. They use several different techniques. The most obvious one is the rocket. Every few minutes when there are large flocks around you can see rockets rather like distress flares swoop and die over the airfield.

Another, more sophisticated technique is simulating the birds' distress calls. The bird-scare vans are equipped with loudspeakers which allow the bird-scare officer to play tapes of birds in distress. Naturally enough that seems to upset the birds and they scatter. But it is a very skilled job.

'You have to recognise the bird you're trying to scare and get the right tape on, "says Mr Bourn. "If you play a peewit call to a seagull it'll look at you as if you're stupid."

One of the most succesful bird control techniques is simply to allow the airport grass to grow. Some years ago it was realised that if the grass at airports was allowed to grow to between six and 10 inches the birds would become frightened because they would be unable to spot other birds or animals which preyed on them. It worked.

"We've reduced the bird presence on the airport by over 60 per cent just by keeping the grass six to 10 inches long," says Mr Bourn.

Of course, some birds learn the tricks of the trade and begin to recognise that they are being hoodwinked. For *example, Gatwick's drainage* ponds used to be a big draw for all sorts of birds. They would descend in droves to sit on the surface and contemplate the world around them. *To put an end to that* the bird-scare teams started to draw tapes across the ponds to, as it were, obstruct the flight path of any bird thinking of landing on the pond. That would do *the trick, the scarers* thought.

And so it did. But not for long. "Some ducks have learned to land on the grass and walk under the tapes and get on the water that way," says Mr Bourn, laughing. "They're very clever."

Malcolm Brown

The big lifter

One of the most extraordinary pieces of equipment at Gatwick is the hover-platform — a cross between a hovercraft and a platform, writes Malcolm Brown.

If an aircraft *belly-flops on* the airfield, says John Bourn, the Chief of Airside Safety and Operations, moving it can be a huge operation, taking many days. Last *time it happened,* in Hong Kong, the ground crews took 10 days to remove a 747.

The hover-platform can shorten the removal time if such an emergency ever happens at Heathrow. The platform is capable of lifting a small aircraft whole.

If a bigger plane had to be lifted — in the event of a complete undercarriage collapse — Mr Bourn could call in extra hover units from Southampton.

The system has never had to be used in a real emergency, but in a recent trial, when the BAA wanted to move a Trident to the fire practice area where it is now used for fire training, Gatwick's hover-platform coped remarkably well. It even managed to get the plane over a ditch using only a piece of spanning plywood. The platform could get the 40 tonne aircraft over the plywood without *mishap* because the hover itself only exerts 1lb pressure per square foot.

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How the airports earn their keep

It's the money you spend in the shops that pays for the airport's £278m a year service bill

Passengers may not even realise they are being "handled" *through the airport, but that is* what it is called: the processing of the traveller plus baggage from check-in to the point of being packed into rows.

Airlines don't do it themselves. They get handling companies to do the checking-in, weigh baggage and push it through for loading. They used to weigh people, but now *allow 10st* for a woman and 12st for a man, *writes Yvonne Thomas.*

Handlers fill in forms, see the aircraft is cleaned and loaded with food to the standard the chartering agent is prepared to pay for, move cargo, monitor the weather and fuel, get wheelchairs and escort children, and winkle the late passengers out of the duty-free into the aeroplane (60 per cent of delays are through passengers being late).

Three handling companies compete: Gatwick Handling Ltd, Servisair, who are newcomers to Gatwick though they are in 29 other British airports, and British Airways, who handles its own business and will be in the North Terminal.

Between being handled, passengers pay for the airport by buying things in the shops, so they have to be tempted. The airport needs an income *of £278 million a year, which* comes from landing fees, renting offices and selling goods to passengers. Every cup of coffee, every newspaper bought contributes. Gatwick Airport Ltd, *takes a percentage.*

David Hurst, their publicity officer, says: "We want to make the airport attractive to get the customers. They are being charged a relatively high *rate, but it is not extortionate.* It's comparable to any 24-hour West End operation.

"We keep a very close interest in prices and if we find anyone is going over the top, *we check it. Duty-free is a* perk. We set the prices so that spirits should be 40 per cent lower than the High Street price."

The people who run Gat*wick organise surveys to find* out what the customers want. A pub came top of the list a few years ago, so now there is *one called The Village Inn, an* attractive, pseudo-Edwardian place with a real fireplace from a house in Edinburgh, book cases from a convent in Leeds and a bar that was a counter in *a Glasgow bank.*

It is part of the South Terminal Gatwick village, which includes shops in a mock high street, an a la carte restaurant, help-yourself country table, the busiest burger bar of their 1,700 outlets and the village post.

In the North Terminal, there is a shopping mall called The Avenue; a Burton unisex shop, the Sweet Factory, Dorothy Perkins, socks, ties and knicker shops, and restaurants and bars.

There is a television to watch (it is not encouraged because people miss their *planes), showers in all the* North Terminal toilets, and bored passengers with lots of time can always go to the Gatwick Hilton Hotel health club.

There is also the airport church in the South Terminal, catering for all creeds: the Koran and the Bible are side by side, and a chaplain, mullah, rabbi and priest are available. Outside the church, framed, is a core of concrete that was the very piece Pope John Paul II kissed as he stepped on to Gatwick airport on May 28, 1982.

Banks, a Cooks bureau de change in the North Terminal arrivals area, plenty of telephones that can be fed with coins, credit cards or tele*phone cards and reached from* wheelchairs: just about everything but a cinema (they are afraid you'll lose your plane) keep the revenue rolling in to what used to be called the *bucket-and-spade terminal.*

And another thing: the man who said at the original Gatwick inquiry in the 1950s that jets would never fly from the airport, was wrong.

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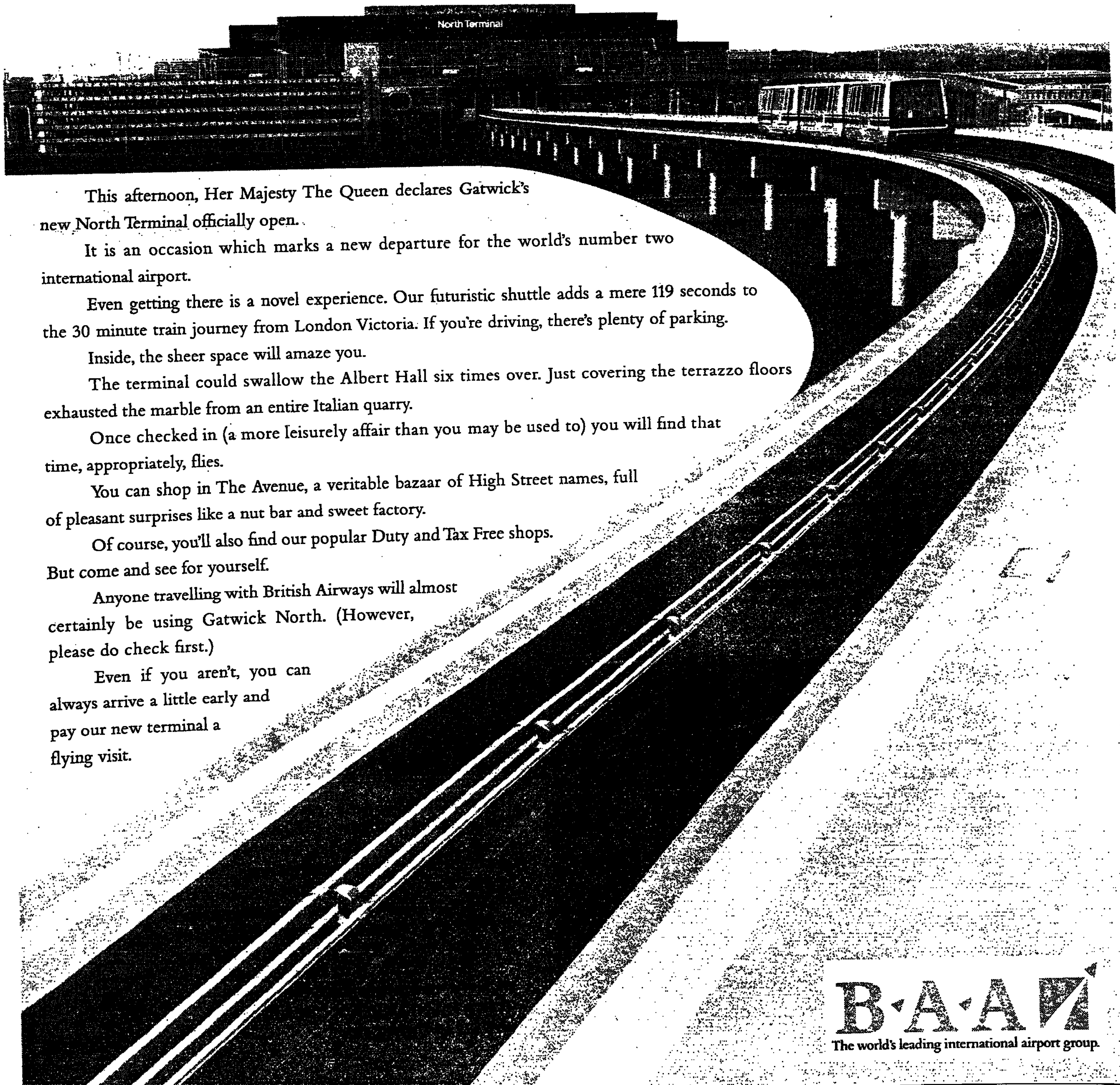

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How to keep that smile at 30,000ft

Smoothing nerves in the air is a talent that can be taught, says Malcolm Brown

Flying can do some odd things to people, says Ruth Irwin who trains air hostesses at British Caledonian's training school near Gatwick. "When they get into an aircraft the fangs come out sometimes, or they're just very quiet or very nervous."

New recruits have to be taught how to recognize and cope with these swings of mood and character. "If you don't particularly like somebody or you have a dispute with them on the ground you can walk away," says Miss Irwin. "But when you're in the air you're stuck with them. So you have to be very delicate in the way you handle people."

Training involves role playing exercises, getting one group of recruits to act the part of irate passengers and the others to be the cabin staff. The inflexible rule is: if you can't deal with it, pass the problem up to a more senior member of the staff.

A claustrophobic flying tube, into which everybody is locked for several hours with absolutely no way out, is not a place to let tempers fray.

The in-flight services section of the training school takes more than 1,200 trainees a year, only a small proportion of them new recruits. The rest are established staff up for promotion or those needing special training for bar duties or for converting from one type of aircraft to another.

The longest Gatwick course, the five-introductory course for new cabin staff, teaches everything from make-up and deportment to how to read and use body language — eg, always lower yourself gently to the height of a passenger to whom you are speaking, never tower threateningly over him or her.

Further up the scale, senior staff who are about to begin duties in first-class cabins are taught such arts as mixing cocktails and how to roast a fillet of beef at 35,000ft.

Miss Irwin's colleague Mark Wilcox says recruits grow to either love or hate the exceptionally disjointed lifestyle. "If you don't take to it you'll probably leave flying within 18 months to two years, or you'll carry on almost for ever. It's that sort of job."

Just up the road is a very different kind of flight training school. The men and women who enter the British Caledonian flight training building find themselves in an extraordinary world where they are taught the intricacies of flying anything from a DC10 to a Boeing 737 without ever leaving the ground.

The whole thing is done on flight simulators which look like something out of a science fiction film — large, six-legged monsters whose bodies (the "flight decks" in which the trainees are cocooned) sway and heave and lurch at every touch of the controls.

The simulator runs flat out every day

Inside the "flight deck" the computer-generated images thrown up on the windscreen are so lifelike that within seconds of being switched on the illusion of flight is total.

British Caledonian Flight Training Ltd is owned 50 per cent by British Caledonian (now, of course, part of British Airways) and 50 per cent by Rediffusion, which makes the simulators. Flight training trains the parent company's own crews, but in fact more than three-quarters of turnover comes from other airlines and 75 per cent of that total from overseas.

The simulators are in use throughout the year and operate for up to 20 hours a day during the peak winter period.

In Britain, the Civil Aviation Authority says recurrent training must be done every six months. Simulation training is not cheap. Conversion training for a three-man crew on a DC10 would cost around £20,000, for which they would get five weeks' training, including up to 40 hours in a simulator.

But that is modest compared with training on a real aircraft. A DC10, for example, would cost £8,000 to £9,000 an hour. After just a few hours of that you would have overtaken the whole cost of both ground school and simulator, says Rodney Dean, the Flight Training Customer Services manager. The comparable simulator cost would be around £350 an hour.

A new simulator, for the European Airbus A-320, will come into service at the beginning of July and another four simulators (the first being for the McDonnell Douglas MD11) will come on stream by 1991.

The big advantage of a simulator over an actual aircraft is, of course, that it can be run flat out every day. It can also be made to do things that, simply from a safety point of view, you would not want to do.

"You can expose people to things that they are unlikely ever to see in the air," says Mr Dean. "You could, for instance, shut down all the engines in flight to see what the effect is, what services you lose and how you regain them. You would never, ever want to do that in an aeroplane and you would hope that it would never happen, but if it does the crew has at least been exposed to it."

The Gatwick unit does have one extraordinary capability. It is equipped to provide what pilots call "zero flight time training". Under American Federal Aviation Authority rules, but not the British ones, an experienced crew can go straight from ground school and simulator training to passenger-carrying flights.

So a crew which has flown one type of aircraft might retrain for a Boeing 737 on simulators.

In transit: the automatic train, running every few minutes, takes you straight to the plane

Getting there, easily

Gatwick was the first airport in the world to have its own railway station. Getting there is no problem. It is a matter of deciding whether to save on time or money.

Nothing, for instance, can be quicker, easier or much cheaper than taking the £5 half-hour trip on the Gatwick Express running every 15 minutes from Victoria. But lots of people don't go from central London and a couple with children may find it cheaper to go by car, *despite parking fees (£22.80 for 10 days in the long-term car park).*

With numerous motorways linking to the M25 and M23 serving the airport, and with express trains and express buses all on frequent services, Gatwick is still one of the most accessible airports in the world.

Here is a comparison of costs and times taking four starting points, going by car, train *and bus. The sample journeys to Gatwick* are from Victoria, Brighton, Birmingham and Cardiff.

CAR: door-to-door plus parking. For 10 days, allow £22.80 in the long-term park, or £41 in the short-term covered park. Plenty of room, no need to book. Hourly rates are: long-term, £5.20 for 48 hours then £2.60 per 24 hours. Short-term, start at 65p an hour, to £5.60 for 24 hours reducing after five days to £2.60.

BUS: From Victoria, time is 1hr 10min, single fare £3.50, return fare £5. Brighton, 45min, £2.50, £3.50. Birmingham, 4hrs, £11.50, £13. Cardiff, 4hrs 45min, £16.50, £19.

TRAIN: From Victoria the journey time is 30min, single fare £5, return fare £10. Brighton, 30min, £3.10, £6.20. Birmingham, 3hrs, £22, £44. Cardiff, 2hrs, £23.50, £47. Rail saver fares are available when travelling off-peak.

The frequency of services varies seasonally. From Victoria the bus goes half-hourly in summer, hourly in winter. The train runs every 15 minutes.

Buses leave two-hourly from Brighton, Birmingham and Cardiff, and with equal frequency from some other towns. Apart from the Greenline and National Express, buses quoted here for instance, there is a private line going to Birmingham making calls en route.

Between Gatwick and Heathrow there is a continuous bus service by competing Jetlink and Speedlink. Jetlink is cheapest (from £5 compared with £9 single) but Speedlink runs most frequently — every 20 minutes. The journey takes about an hour.

***One new facility that* will help travellers from central London is a check-in point for bags at the new Victoria Air Rail terminal. Here you can say goodbye to your luggage till you reach your destination. If you go by car to the North Terminal you drive off the M23 on to an elevated roadway right up to the departure level to unload bags, or, for picking up arrivals, take the access road to the lower level.**

***People who come in by train take the shuttle* from the South Terminal. It runs electrically and is completely automatic, rather like a lift that goes sideways instead of up and down. It takes only two minutes to travel the 1¼km (26mph max) between terminals and the longest waiting time is three minutes. A simliar but slightly smaller Westinghouse elevated shuttle connects the South Terminal with the central Satellite terminal.**

Once in the North Terminal the general idea seems to be to save everyone using their legs where possible. The building was planned so that no one should need to walk more than 250 metres — only those leaving from gates 56 and 62 have to stagger a little farther. There is 40 per cent less walking than in the South Terminal.

A £24bn invisible trade in the skies

More than £24 billion worth of cargo was shipped through London's three airports — Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. In 1986, the last year for which figures are available, this was about 15 per cent of the total value of UK visible trade. Gatwick alone took more than 190,000 tonnes, an increase of nearly 17 per cent on the previous year, *writes Malcolm Brown.*

But though cargo aircraft carry many thousands of tons into and out of the airport every week, the real bulk of the cargo transport is transported right under the passengers' noses.

People are familiar with passenger and baggage handling, but what most of them do not realize is that there is a vast amount of valuable cargo on almost every passenger-carrying aircraft.

Ian Robinson, air cargo manager for BAA's subsidiary, British Airports Services, says that more than 80 per cent of all cargo is carried in the holds

In the days before the oil price crises of the early 1970s there were large fleets of narrow-bodied freighter aircraft like DC8s or Boeing 707s. But the introduction of wide-bodied aircraft like the 747 changed all that. The new aircraft could carry up to 120 tonnes as a freighter or 40-45 tonnes if they were passenger carriers. "That's as much, or more, cargo than the old 707 all-cargo aircraft", says Mr Robinson. "What with that and the fuel cost increases, and so on, the all-freighter aircraft seemed to have had its heydey."

Because the airlines get anything up to 25 per cent of their total revenues from cargo — and often more than that in terms of profits — they are keen to use the space in passenger aircraft.

Gatwick does not compete with Heathrow and Stansted for business. The policy, says Mr Robinson, is to sell the three as a package — the London air cargo system. London is in fierce competition with European airports for a very valuable kind of business called "trans-shipment" traffic. A lot of traffic which needs to be transported from one part of the world to another cannot do so directly because there are no direct air services. So it must be trans-shipped through an established centre.

"The competition we're into," says Mr Robinson, "is to establish London as the trans-shipment gateway to the rest of the world."

It is competing with Frankfurt, Paris and Amsterdam. Frankfurt is still in the lead, he says, but London is coming up fast. The London airports' main strength is that together they have more flights to more international destinations by more carriers than any of their competitors.

Gatwick has particularly strong connections with the United States. It serves more American destinations than even Heathrow. That is vital because the Atlantic is still the world's busiest cargo route.

But Pacific traffic is building up strongly. A lot of high-technology goods are shipped in from the Far East through Gatwick by Cathay Pacific. Gatwick's present cargo capacity is 200,000 tonnes a year. There are nine transit sheds and there are plans for more to raise cargo capacity to 250,000 tonnes a year.

Eventually, as Gatwick pushes towards a projected 25 million passengers a year in the 1990s, the cargo capacity may be increased to as much as 500,000 tonnes. The cargo terminal area, on the north-west side of the airport, has 11 aircraft stands, three capable of accepting nose-loading Boeing 747Fs, and five for for wide-bodied craft.

APC90, the computerized cargo inventory system, is generally regarded as one of the most advanced facilities in the world, linking 40 airlines with distribution centres, forwarders and agents.

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The Gatwick authorities claim that ACP90 enables them to clear more than 80 per cent of imports through Customs within an hour.

Thanks for asking us back, Gatwick

After five years' working experience with the Westinghouse People Mover System, Gatwick came back for more.

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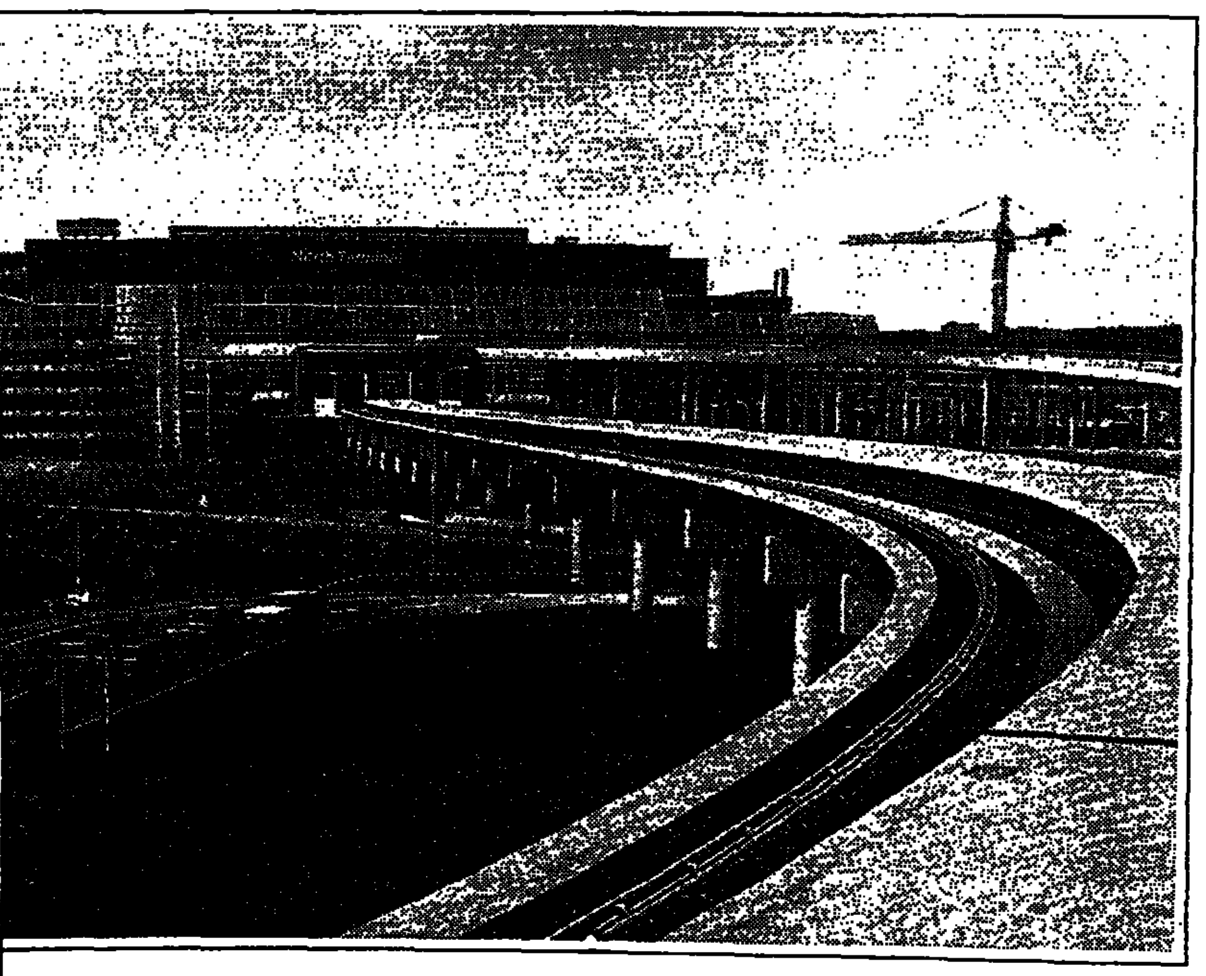

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Saddle up for a ride on a rural winner

By Veronica Heath

On Easter Monday, a public house at Rowlands Gill in the North-east will play host to hundreds of horse-drawn vehicles, from decorated flat carts to gigs and landaus and governess carts. The event, organized by the Northumberland and Durham Driving Club, shows how this style of driving is enjoying a revival – and bringing an upsurge in business to harness makers.

One of the oldest firms in the Society of Master Saddlers is Bart J. Snowball, which has just moved from the congested quayside area of Newcastle upon Tyne to bigger premises at the Milkhope Centre, six miles out of town. There are now six craftsmen in the workrooms and the harness-making side of the business is constantly expanding to cope with demand.

When Bartholomew Snowball opened the shop nearly 200 years ago his clientele were primarily drivers of horse-drawn vehicles – broughams, victorias, gigs, cabs, tandems, curricles and four-in-hands. The firm boasted nearly 30 different types of harness. After the Second World War, this side of the business completely tailed off.

John Duddy working on a breast collar

Sir Richard Renwick, who took over the firm in 1979 and is now the current president of the Society of Master Saddlers, said: "We have always made tack – saddles, bridles and leather riding accessories. We had a master saddler, Tommy Stephenson, who retired only when he was over 80 years old. He was a real craftsman with harness and luckily I have men here now who were apprenticed to him." Two of the men in the firm, John Duddy and Michael Smith, have recently won national competitions against saddlers from all over Britain.

Work is no longer specifically local; there is a steady demand from Scotland, Cumberland and Yorkshire, as well as from within Northumberland. A new set of harness for a driving horse costs around £600, with a tradesman's turnout rising to £750, depending upon whether it has a neck or a breast collar. Private driving harness tends to be fairly basic because an owner usually likes a turnout to be entirely functional. It is tradesmen who like to be showy, their leather harness adorned with many gleaming fittings. "I'm thankful I don't have to clean it," remarked John, as he worked at fitting a brass clincher link on to a headpiece.

The firm makes up sets to suit individual requirements and, with the workshop now in a rural location, clients can bring their horses for fittings. This is especially valuable for the saddler. "It's hard for a layman to believe how a horse's back can vary with each individual", Michael said. "High withers, low withers, bumpy loins and sometimes even a warble in the wrong place – we offer a personal tailoring service for an equine."

Saddles start at £300 and can be designed for a variety of disciplines, including dressage, eventing, racing, hunting and showing. The firm is also kept busy repairing old and secondhand models.

The section of hide used for making tack is termed the butt part and hides are bought in at £120 per pair of backs from a tanner at Walsall. Although modern feeding methods fatten beasts comparatively quickly, hide refuses to be hurried and skins from many tanners have to be discarded as unsuitable for the quality end of the saddlery trade.

Franchise firm doubles size

■ Kall-Kwik, which claims to be Britain's third largest franchised company by turnover as well as the largest quick-print franchise, plans to double its size in the United Kingdom within five years. The plan is to expand its network of 145 print shops into the Midlands and the North of England.

Mr Moshe Gerstenhaber, managing director, said: "We are very clear about the type of franchisee we are looking for: ambitious, successful young middle managers who have good prospects but can see the chance of taking on their own business venture within a successful franchise."

It is also looking to move into Europe so that expansion on two fronts could increase its total network to between 700 and 1,000 units within 10 years.

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"It's philistines like you who are destroying the enterprise culture!"

■ The State of South Australia has launched a new drive to attract entrepreneurs from the United Kingdom, *writes Derek Harris*. To be *allowed into Australia under the* business migration scheme an entrepreneur and family would need a proved business track record as well as having about £100,000 to invest in a small business and probably the best part of another £50,000 to get settled into a home if it was near the state capital of Adelaide.

The stage is not the only one in Australia to try to attract small business investment and skills from Britain but South Australia says it is 10 per cent cheaper for manufacturing costs compared with the Australian average and there is a skilled workforce which is also stable, the incidence of disputes being a third of the national average.

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City office standards failing foreign tests

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Despite continuing demand for office space in London, many international finance houses are dissatisfied with the standard of office accommodation available.

This conclusion comes from a survey carried out by the chartered surveyors and international real estate consultants Jones Lang Wootton, who report that the widespread criticism of inadequate services and inefficient layout in City offices is not restricted to older buildings. Both offices built in the 1980s and even current City developments also come under fire.

The results of the survey, published in the latest issued of the firm's *Property Review*, illustrate continuing pressure on international financial groups in Britain to consolidate their business in a single building. Just under half of Britain's overseas banks and securities houses are operating from more than one building, and a quarter split their business operation between three or more buildings.

Overseas finance houses, which now account for 20 per cent of total City office space, are nevertheless still following expansion plans despite the stock market crash last October. Of JLW's sample, 65 per cent were still pursuing a policy of expansion and a further 30 per cent view the immediate future as a period for consolidation of their London operations.

The Japanese are leading this continued expansion, with 88 per cent of those surveyed confirming their intention to develop further in London. US groups, too, are confidently going ahead.

The survey also confirms that overseas finance houses which have so far failed to satisfy their requirements for office space in London are starting to postpone property moves until late in 1989. By then, development completions are expected to have resolved the past few years' shortage of modern accommodation in and around the City.

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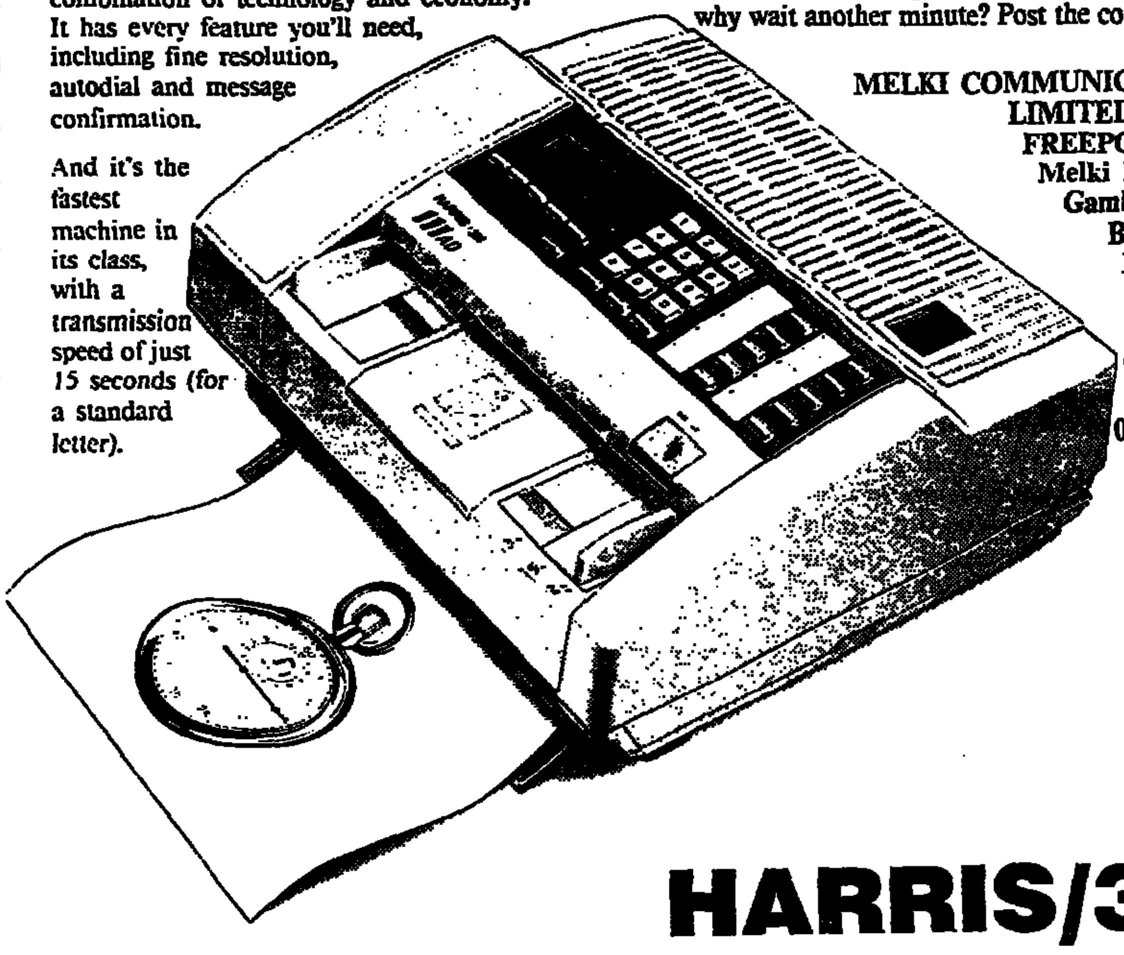

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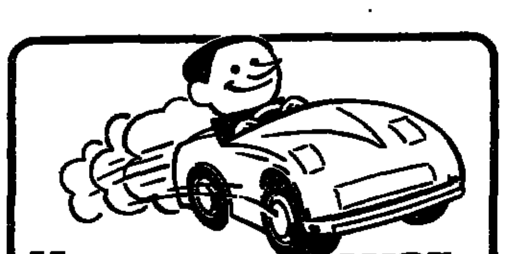

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Vital statistics

Model: Bentley Turbo R
Price: £84,966
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Performance: Max speed 150 mph , acceleration 0-60 mph less than seven seconds
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Bentley Turbo R: winning combination of tradition and sporting performance

But the German luxury model *has* an austere character found in even the cheapest Mercedes and presents a sight perhaps too familiar to be truly exclusive. Yet the men in Crewe have been slowly developing a worthy rival to the best BMW and Mercedes can offer, and at a price which appears to deter few company chairmen with an eye to arriving for work in discreet style.

Chairmen like Tesco's Mr Ian MacLaurin now drive the Bentley Turbo R, contributing to a success not even Rolls-Royce could have predicted when the £85,000 model was first introduced in 1985.

In 1946 Bentley had its best year in Britain accounting for 90 per cent of Crewe's output. But by 1976 cars carrying on the name of W.O Bentley had slumped to just three in every hundred cars. Last year in Britain, however, Bentley sales almost matched those for Rolls-Royce and more than half the Bentleys were Turbo Rs.

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But there are disappointments. The engine is neither as hushed nor silky smooth as the Jaguar V12 and the suspension copes noisily on anything less than a smooth motorway. In town, the ride is restless and unlikely to please *the chairman.*

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When the joy of ownership turns to sorrow

Many motorists suffer real problems with new cars or dealers and streams of angry letters appear to raise tempers rather than produce a solution.

It may be that the car continually breaks down despite efficient service from the dealer, or the dealer cannot cope with even minor faults or the dealer has cured a fault but the owner believes it is still there.

The nation's car dealers have been known to slip up occasionally but similarly the paying customer is no saint.

For the owner of a new car a 12-month warranty may give peace of mind, but things can still go wrong. A fault can keep re-ocurring or the dealer may fail to remedy the problem. Once the garage has tried two or three times the owner should ask for the manufac*turer's own skilled engineer to see the* car and arbitrate. The same course should be followed if the dealer does not agree with the owner that there is a fault. Do not be fobbed off with the classic retort:"*All the blue ones do* that."

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If a car suffers a costly fault when just out of warranty it is always worth asking the dealer to approach the manufacturer for a goodwill payment. The more concerned the company is about its image the more likely it will *placate* the loyal yet aggrieved customer.

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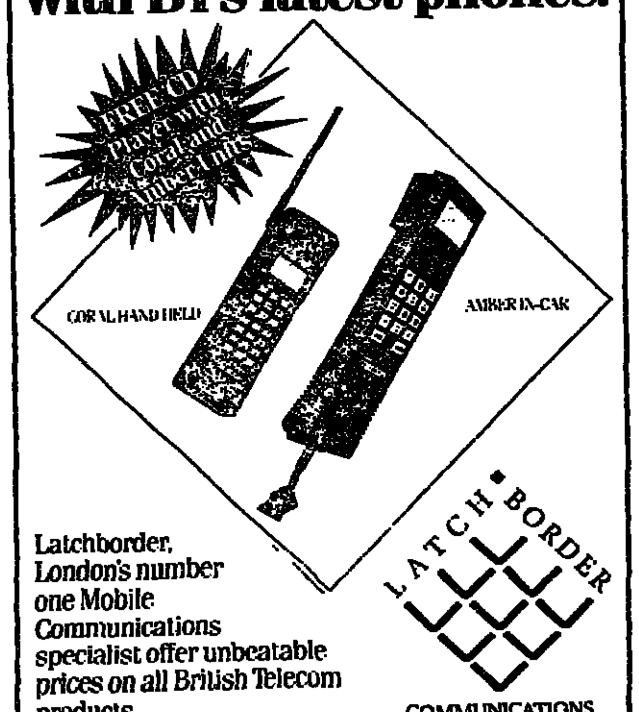

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The man in charge reflects on English cricket's winter of discontent

Tour that turned Lush grey

From Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent
Auckland

Tomorrow is end of term for England's battle-weary cricketers. A winter punctuated by bitterness and intrigue, punishments and resentments, draws to its close with the 69th match day of an overseas mission spanning five and a half months in four countries.

The final act is yet another one-day international, England's sixteenth of the winter. They say 30,000 people will be at Eden Park, hoping New Zealand can score an equalizing win in the limited-overs series. But for one man at least, the major hope will be that this last day passes off without disputes or tantrums. Peter Lush has seen enough of both, these past few months, to last him a very long time.

Lush, the big bluff character in charge of an England team labelled, depending on standpoint, either petulant children or persecuted angels, will fly home on Monday feeling a good bit older and very much wiser than when he first set out for the sub-continent last September. He will be 49 next month and has only recently started to look his age. "My hair has gone much greyer since I started this job," he admits, only partly in jest.

Ironically, this is not the end of a job for Lush, much more a beginning. Although he has been tour manager on England's last two winters abroad, his appointments have been short term. Next month, he starts a new three-year contract, under which he will not only plan and supervise overseas tours but also act as the Test and County Cricket Board's permanent representative at all home Test Matches and internationals.

He will, in addition, help negotiate sponsorships and television rights, areas in which he specialised during a lengthy spell as the board's promotions chief. "I am not entirely sure how it will all work out or even what my position will be called," he says. "I notice my name has vanished from the board's letter heading so perhaps they can't decide either!"

The most important of Lush's duties will continue to be as tour manager and, despite the perils and pressures of the past winter, he is undeterred. "There have been low points, just as there are in any job. But I never contemplated packing it in, even during the most difficult times."

Lush: "I never contemplated packing it in." (Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Lush's burden is having to adjudicate and act upon the increasingly sensitive subject of player conduct, while being judged from a distance by the game's governing body. During the Pakistan fracas, he dismayed a number of powerful voices on the board by his apparent leniency towards English 'offenders'. He still stands by his decisions but concedes: "I do get concerned about the reactions of people within the game back home. I am judged by what I do and I worry about whether they think I am right or wrong."

There have been times, this winter, when England's players have been portrayed as insolent on the field and miserable off it. Lush can hardly be expected to support the theory but he does present an explanation: "The players feel a sense of grievance when they are criticised, by the media, and punished, by me, for doing things which players in other international sides are seen to get away with.

"They knew at the start of this leg of the tour that they would be under an extra spotlight but the scrutiny has created an additional weight of responsibility on pretty young shoulders and some of the players have become very sensitive."

Lush has succeeded in a very delicate area. He has managed to retain the affection of his players while withdrawing himself sufficiently to impose fines and, occasionally, dispense a few well chosen words over any chronic sulks. He says: "You do become close to the players and fond of them. You want them to succeed and you are anxious that everyone should get on together. I have loathed certain things I have had to do on this tour, but that doesn't mean I was in any doubt that they were correct."

The testing ground came in Christchurch last month when Lush overruled the rest of his tour committee and insisted on fining Graham Dilley for a hideously audible outburst on the field.

"There were people who did not agree with me at the time," he says, choosing his words carefully, "and a little feeling was created. But in hindsight Graham himself has come round to the view that he was wrong and had to be fined and I think others have reconsidered, too. The problem for players is that they are involved with what they see as the injustice of the moment and it is very hard for them to stand back and be objective.

"It is a very thin line to adjudicate. Whenever there is an incident, people call it dissent. It could be several other things — disappointment, disbelief or just plain bad behaviour. I have to decide and act on my decision."

Lush expresses the anxieties inherent in his public relations background for the image of the game. He agrees there is an alarming spread of hostile attitudes throughout international cricket. Like me, he believes the cause is a breakdown of confidence between players and umpires.

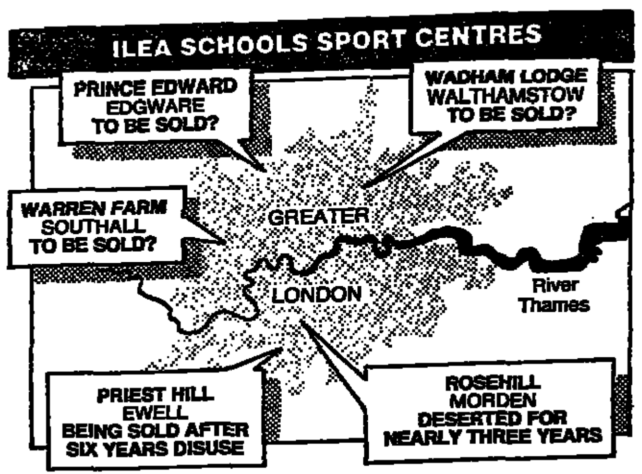
"Standards of behaviour on the field largely relate to a dissatisfaction with umpiring standards. The image of the game is suffering and we all have a part to play in improving that. Players must look at themselves and check back a shade.

"Having said that, I think the main cure lies with the umpires and I am now more convinced than ever that we should push ahead with an international panel. People say it will be expensive, and so it will, but I think it is a small price to pay for raising standards and improving conduct."

Property developers have former Minister for Sport worried

ILEA's threat to playing fields concerns Tracey

By John Goodbody



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Richard Tracey, the former Minister for Sport, is worried that ILEA's playing fields, which have been used by generations of London's schoolchildren, are to be sold off and eventually used for property development.

Tracey, who is receiving support from the Sports Council and the Central Council of Physical Recreation, has tabled an amendment to the Education Reform Bill, presently going through Parliament, proposing that these facilities should be transferred to a suitable charity to ensure they remain as playing fields.

As *The Times* disclosed last summer, Priest Hill, an 86-acre site in Ewell, has remained unused since 1982 and Rosehill in Morden since 1985. I understand that on April 21 ILEA will vote on a recommendation that three further sites, Prince Edward in Edgware, Wadham Lodge in Walthamstow and Warren Farm in Southall are now "surplus to requirements".

Tracey, MP for Surbiton, said yesterday: "I have put the amendment because we must learn the lesson of Priest Hill, which has just been sitting there. This must not recur. I do not want all these acres handed over to the London Residuary Body, which has no direct sporting interest.

"I do not want the body to build houses on them. Teams and schools are crying out for facilities."

The LRB is closing applications to buy Priest Hill, formerly owned by ILEA and the GLC on March 23. Epsom and Ewell borough council, which will only give limited planning permission for any development because it wants to ensure the area remains largely for recreational use, is itself one prospective buyer.

Alan Sillitoe, a senior regional officer for the Sports Council, says: "We hope to be able to look at the bids. We do not mind if it goes into the private or public sector provided it is being used regularly for the community.

"Officially the LRB is bound to take the highest figure. But there is strong pressure to balance this with its value for the community."

The LRB is responsible for disposing of the property owned by the GLC and will have the same task with remaining ILEA facilities when the local boroughs take over educational responsibilities for the capital in 1990.

Rosehill, a 22-acre site in the borough of Sutton, is owned by ILEA and is already suffering the same fate as Priest Hill.

Councillor Christopher Caswill, the chairman of the leisure services committee at Sutton, said: "This is now a matter of urgency. We are still interested in the site subject to finance and the council's approval. We want it put to purposeful use as soon as possible."

Now the struggle is starting to preserve the other three sites from extinction. Like Priest Hill and Rosehill, all were originally used by ILEA schools as satellite playing fields to which London children were bussed out from the capital. But because of the cost and inefficiency of this practice and because of the restrictions of funding from central government, all these playing fields have been used less and less.

A spokesman for ILEA says that on one hand it seems to be criticized for overspending and on the other it is also criticized for reviewing expenditure. But he stresses that it would be a condition of the sale of any of its grounds that they are preserved for community use.

This point was made in the report of ILEA's own working party on PE and school sports, published in January, which states: "No facility belonging to ILEA should be disposed of until after exhaustive exploration of new ways of fulfilling the original purpose even at some immediate but modest cost of modification."

The London region of the Sports Council argues that the original purpose of these centres to provide young Londoners with recreational facilities should be maintained. They should not necessarily revert to the local boroughs, in which they are situated and which are often better furnished with playing fields, but to the inner London authorities which have a shortage of playing fields.

Weekend access is perfectly feasible to these satellite centres even if midweek school use is restricted. Dual use by community and schools could also be developed.

One body who could take on some of the administration of these centres is the London Playing Fields Society. Its chairman Peter Nathan said: "We would be willing to consider this if we were asked to take on further ground but each centre would have to be considered on its merits and the package offered must not jeopardize our financial situation."

Akram's problems causing concern

From Richard Streeton
Port of Spain, Trinidad

There seems no end to the depressing start Pakistan have made to their West Indies tour. Imran Khan may decide to rest a slight thigh strain and miss the third one-day international here today. His new-ball partner, Wasim Akram, is again unfit and will probably not play for a fortnight.

Pakistan must win this game to keep the five-match series alive and they would badly miss Imran. He has looked in good form with bat and ball but the three Test matches remain his prime objective.

There is more concern about Akram, who failed to complete the match in Antigua on Tuesday. He has complained of renewed pain in his side; in addition his wounds from recent operations for groin and hernia have become infected.

Akram also had an appendix operation in England last autumn and recently has had a troubled medical history. He is not expected to be risked again until the first Test, which starts on April 2 in Georgetown, Guyana. Lancashire, his new employers this summer, will doubtless be closely watching this fitness saga.

The Pakistanis are also uncertain whether to risk their trump card, the leg spinner Abdul Quadir, in the one day games. He's another who has had trouble in the groin area but he might have a work-out in the fourth international here on Sunday.

So far the main worry for Pakistan has been the batting failures against the West Indies fast bowlers. Imran has not spared his team some strong criticism and both he and the manager, Intikhab Alam, believe things will improve with more practice.

The Pakistan management are not intending to comment publicly on West Indian umpires, though the latter's known reluctance to give lbw decisions on the front foot has already disappointed the Pakistan bowlers. Imran, like the Pakistan board, is an advocate of neutral umpires because he believes they would help to defuse heated situations more quickly.

One of today's umpires, Clyde Cumberbatch, is the official who called Curtley Ambrose for throwing two months ago, when Leeward Islands played Trinidad at Pointe-a-Pierre, which seems to have been a one-off incident.

RACING

Foxhunters missing point

By Brian Beel

It is not so long ago that two hunter chases were run at the Cheltenham Festival. It is now debatable whether it is worth staging the one that remains.

Only 25 entries were received for the Christies Foxhunter Challenge Cup and just nine went to post yesterday.

At one time this was a prestigious race which drew the best hunters from every part of the kingdom. In the first 10 years after the war, the average number of starters was 24.

Interest has now waned as most owners know that it is pointless trying to compete against professionally-trained horses. Fortunately, yesterday Jean Campbell took her chance with Certain Light, a point-to-point winner in 1986 and confined to hunter chases since.

Instead of only attracting the star hunter chasers, who have risen through the ranks of point-to-pointing, the framing of the race encourages professional trainers to enter horses who have reached the top of the 2nd XI of three-mile chasers — horses not quite good enough to run in the Gold Cup but who are so high in the handicap that their chances in these events are also slim.

It is the height of absurdity that a horse can be defined as a hunter and yet be ineligible to run in point-to-points. Yesterday Acarine, Beamwam, Brunton Park and Observe fell into this category while Attitude Adjuster and Three Counties, both in professional yards, qualified to run in point-to-points only by the back door.

The argument that the conditions of the Foxhunters have not changed just does not hold water. If a loophole exists in a law, and is exploited, then it should be changed.

Since home-bred and trained Spartan Missile won in 1979 there have been only two other occasions before yesterday that the winner has not been from a professional yard. It is true that there always was the odd one in the past but then it was usually a horse who had graduated through the point-to-point field.

By inserting one additional clause in the conditions — "must have won, at any time, an open point-to-point and be qualified to run in point-to-points during the current season" — the race could be restored to meet its original purpose.

GOLF

Cambridge favoured to retain grip on trophy

By a Special Correspondent

On the available evidence Cambridge should account for Oxford with something to spare in the 99th University match which gets under way at Royal Porthcawl this morning to retain the imposing Grant Thornton Trophy.

They coasted to victory by 10 matches to four with one halved at Formby last March and during the winter have done much better in matches against club sides.

However, Oxford believe that the result is not by any means a foregone conclusion and they predict a close contest with them possibly edging it. "We do not consider that results against club sides are always a true indicator and we think we can just do it," the Oxford secretary, Ron Rinaldi, said.

Twice previously — in 1968 and 1977 — the match has been contested at Royal Porthcawl and both times Cambridge have been successful. Of the 98 matches played since the series began in 1878, Cambridge have won 55 to Oxford's 38 with five halved.

Oxford have two Americans in their line-up — Rinaldi and Tim Dickens — while Cambridge have a Scotsman, Gordon MacSween, as their captain and one of their best players, Melvyn Williams, is Welsh.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Beevers as good as his word

By Keith Macklin

Just before Christmas, when Halifax were struggling in the first division, the general manager, Tony Beevers, said: "Don't worry. We'll be back at Wembley for the Cup final." At the time the remark caused good-humoured laughter among an audience of Rugby League officials and journalists at a social function.

However, Beevers was being deadly serious, and Halifax are just one game away from their second successive Wembley after beating St Helens in last year's pulsating final. Halifax have shaken off their wretched start to the League programme, and a week tomorrow they meet Hull at Headingley in the second semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup.

For one man, in particular, a return visit to Wembley would crown a glorious period of success. That man is an Australian, the Halifax coach, Chris Anderson, who is returning home with his family at the end of the season to renew family life down under and to try his luck at coaching with one of the top Sydney clubs.

For Anderson, the dapper little man who played at half-back and on the wing for Australia, a Wembley Cup victory in his last season would crown a wonderful spell at Thrum Hall, during which time Halifax have won the championship and Challenge Cup after sinking into the second division and near-bankruptcy in the early 1980s. "I have had some great times here, and the people of Halifax and Yorkshire have made me and my family feel at home," Chris said. "I would like to give them one more thank you gesture before I go home."

A couple of weeks ago the chances of Anderson and Halifax achieving their ambition seemed rosy, but suddenly Hull are coming up on the rails. When the draw for the semi-finals paired Hull with Halifax, the Humberside club were fighting against relegation and had conceded nearly 100 points in two League games against St Helens and Swinton.

Suddenly the Hull coach, Len Casey, resigned and the two assistant coaches, Tony Dean and Keith Hepworth, were appointed as caretakers until the end of the season. As so often happens, the changes had a startling effect on club morale, and last Sunday, in a championship game at the Boulevard, Hull beat Halifax 22-12.

Confidence is now oozing from the Hull players and supporters, and the Halifax dream may be a little harder to achieve than at first seemed likely. But Tony Beevers remains adamant. "We are going to Wembley again. We made our minds up after winning there last season."

BASKETBALL

Clark is cause for concern

The recurrence of the infection to the bone in Martin Clark's elbow has caused the former England international's right arm to swell so much that he is out of both Polycell Kingston's NatWest League Cup semi-final matches against Portsmouth unless "there is a dramatic improvement", according to Kevin Cadle, the Kingston coach (Julian Desborough writes).

Clark is also doubtful for the Carlsberg Championship play-offs on April 9 and 10.

"There is no doubt we are missing Clark," the coach added after Kingston had finally overcome TNT Bullets (Birmingham) to win the second leg of the quarter-final 114-102.

Cadle also fears a repetitionof the complacency his team showed in the first half

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclays League
Fourth division
Halifax v Leyton Orient ....
Newport v Wolverhampton ....
Stockport v Burnley ....
Swansea v Bolton ....

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Portadown v Bangor.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Norwich v Crystal Palace.

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England B v Spain (at Imber Court, 7.15).

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Exeter v Metropolitan Police (7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v South Wales Police (7.0); Bath v Liverpool St Helens (7.15); Bristol v Begles-Bordeaux (7.0); Leicester v Lansdowne (7.15); London Irish v Cork (3.0); Neath v Beziers (7.0); Newport v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0); Penarth v Cheltenham (7.15); Rosslyn Park v Old Wesley (7.15).

STUDENTS' INTERNATIONAL: Wales v France (at Cardiff Arms Park, 7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain v France (at Whitehaven).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Dairy Crest AAA/WAAA under-20 indoor championships (at RAF Cosford).

BADMINTON: Yonex All England championships (at Wembley).

BOWLS: Prudential national championships (at Hartlepool).

BOXING: Tournament: Latchmere Leisure Centre, Battersea.

GOLF: Avia foursomes (at The Berkshire); University match: Oxford v Cambridge (at Royal Porthcawl).

RACKETS: Celestion open singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

REAL TENNIS: George Wimpey amateur singles championship (at Leamington).

SNOOKER: Fersina Windows World Cup (at Bournemouth).

SQUASH RACKETS: Patrick World under-19 masters championship (at Harrogate).

SPORT ON TV

BASKETBALL 1988: ITV 4 a.m. (tomorrow): Notre Dame v Duke from the United States.

SNOOKER: BBC2 4.0 and 11.15 p.m.: Fersina Windows World Cup: Semi-finals from Bournemouth (see also Sport on Friday).

SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2.15 p.m.: Snooker: Fersina Windows World Cup: First semi-final from Bournemouth. Rugby Union: Preview of the climax to the Five Nations' championship. Football: Action from the European Cup quarter-finals, second leg.

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RACING: FIRST GOLD CUP WINNER FOR NICHOLSON AND DUNWOODY BUT FORGIVE'N FORGET HAS TO BE PUT DOWN AFTER BREAKING LEG

Chance for Outside Edge to regain winning thread

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With the useful Tom Bir a late defector, **Outside Edge** is selected to get back on the winning trail in the Nutley Novices' Chase at Lingfield this afternoon.

My choice will not be remotely inconvenienced by the heavy ground as it was fairly desperate at Folkestone last month when he outstayed Charter Hardware, *who has* won since.

Outside Edge has run in the meantime but fallen. Being a full brother to Rhyme 'N' Reason, stamina is obviously his strong suit and he should outstay today's rivals, the best of whom is likely to St Andrew's Bay.

Afaristoun is napped to win the first division of the Newleaf Novices' Hurdle. A half-brother to that smart hurdler Afzal, Afaristoun did all his early racing in France like the majority of the horses owned and bred by the Aga Khan.

When he ran his first race for his current connections at Worcester a little over two weeks ago, he could not cope with Chatam, the other smart ex-French horse in the field.

But he still *finished a long* way ahead of the remainder who included Montagnard. And Chatam underlined the value of the form when finishing third in yesterday's Triumph Hurdle.

The other division should go to Tranby Croft who has run well enough at Sandown, Windsor and Newbury already to suggest that he ought to be capable of continuing *Josh Gifford*'s fine run.

At Fakenham, I envisage Geoff Hubbard, who now has 23 *of his own* horses in training at Worlingworth, landing a double on his local track with **Cuddy Dale** (2.45) and **Vaguely Artistic** (4.15).

While conceding that Perroquet will be hard to beat in the Topclean Novices' Chase, *he should still* not manage to give as much as 24lb to Cuddy Dale who ran the race of his life at Huntingdon last time out when he was runner-up to Delius.

Vaguely Artistic's chance of winning the Dewfresh Mushrooms Handicap Chase looks all the better in light of Vodkatini's victory in the Grand Annual Chase at *Cheltenham on Tuesday*. They were first and second at Kempton in January.

A course as sharp as Fakenham is tailor-made to suit the free-running **Old Eros** as he attempts to defy top weight in the Holkham Conditional Jockeys Novices' Handicap Hurdle while **Deadly Going** looks the one to be on for the Middleton Aggregates Handicap Hurdle after that commendable effort against Pearl Run at Warwick 10 days ago.

At Wolverhampton, I give Mr **Optimist**, Andy Turnell's recent acquisition from Ireland, a good chance of winning the second division of the *Marston Novices' Hurdle* on his English debut, having won his bumper at Limerick in December in such style. The earlier division can go to Paraselene from Nicky Henderson's stable.

Brown decides to retire

Colin Brown (right), announced his retirement from race-riding after partnering Calapaez in the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham yesterday.

Brown, who will always be associated with Desert Orchid, said: "That's my lot. I made the decision a couple of months ago *and there can't be a better place* to go out than Cheltenham."

Brown rode 292 winners in a 15-year career. He is tenant of the Ibex public house in Chaddlesworth and also leases out a livery yard.

Kribensis fulfils sheikh's dream

Sheikh Mohammed's ambition to own a Cheltenham Festival winner was *fulfilled* yesterday when Kribensis raced away with the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle.

The Michael Stoute-trained gelding, a 6-1 shot, took up the running from Chatam at the turn and never looked in danger thereafter.

***Kribensis*, under Richard Dunwoody, won by three lengths from Wahiba, with Chatam third, to pull off a marvellous training feat for Stoute's Newmarket team.**

Former champion Flat trainer Stoute is more used to the sunshine of Royal Ascot than the mud of the festival. He said: "I don't pretend to know much about the jumping game — I just dabble with the odd jumper. Really I'm a Flat man through and through.

"We are going to have to start thinking in terms of next year's Champion Hurdle."

Kribensis is one of only two jumpers racing for Sheikh Mohammed, who watched the race on television in Dubai.

Steve Smith Eccles, who rode joint-favourite Surf Board, said:" He was just not good enough."

Charter Party triumph marred by death of 1985 Gold Cup winner

David Nicholson, saddled his first Gold Cup winner when Charter Party stormed home six lengths clear of Cavvies Clown *at Cheltenham* yesterday, but admitted that his joy was tinged with sorrow over the death of 1985 winner Forgive'N Forget, who broke a leg.

Charter Party (10-1) was left clear when Cavvies Clown (6-1), blundered and nearly unseated Simon Sherwood two fences from home. However, he would probably have won anyway. Third, 10 lengths away, was Beau Ranger (33-1) with French challenger Nupsala fourth.

Charter Party was completing *a wonderful double for* 24-year-old Richard Dunwoody, who also took the Triumph Hurdle on Kribensis.

Nicholson, who is 49 tomorrow, watched the race entirely on his own in the centre of the course. Charter Party had already returned to the winner's enclosure when a breathless Nicholson returned.

He said: "Coming down the hill I thought Charter Party might get a place, then it dawned on me he might actually win the Gold Cup. It's a great victory, but my heart goes out to the connections of Forgive'N Forget. His death is a great blow to our sport."

Forgive'N Forget was travelling *well on the heels of the* leaders when he suddenly pulled up four fences from home with a hind leg swinging.

Mark Dwyer had been full of confidence and trainer Jimmy FitzGerald said: "I've not fancied a horse more since *Forgive'N Forget* won the Coral Golden Hurdle final here. In his last piece of work, he beat my Arkle winner, Danish Flight, by 15 lengths. I've never been able to retire a good horse for this owner. Both Fairy King and Brave Fellow were killed."

Simon Sherwood, who did well to stay on board, did not blame the mistake at the second last for the defeat of *Cavvies Clown*, saying: "I could have done with the ground a bit softer. But he is a lovely horse and gave me a super ride."

Nupsala could not overcome the alien environment. Trainer Francois Doumen said: "He was always having to make too much effort to jump in that going, and treated the fences with too much respect."

Playschool, 100-30 favourite, was a disappointment, dropping right out in the last mile before pulling up three *from* home. Paul Nicholls said: "He was never going, never jumping, and something must be wrong."

David Barons was equally baffled. "I've no idea what went wrong but he ran like a dead horse. He has been under security for 48 hours and I've now asked for a dope test to be carried out."

Charter Party is shared by Claire Smith and Jenny Mould, who have their colours carried in alternate years. But Mrs Smith's are the luckier.

Brendan Powell came in for a chance ride on Private Views, and the partnership struck up an immediate rapport to take the Cathcart Challenge Cup.

Kevin Mooney, regular *jockey of Nick Gaselee's* charge, was shaken after Arctic Stream fell in the previous race, and Powell, making the most of his opportunity, was impressed with the seven-year-old. "He was never off the bridle and must be a very very good horse," he said.

Gaselee, *still at a loss* to explain the defeat of Private Views by Randolph Place at Ayr last time, was delighted to see him underline his potential. He said: "He's very versatile at home over two or three miles. Jumping fences has made him better."

Gaselee will now ponder the next objective for his star which could either be a novice chase at Liverpool or a return *here later in the season.*

Aquilifer landed his sixth success of the season when taking the National Hunt *Handicap Chase and is now to* be aimed at the Irish National. A confirmed mudlark, Aquilifer, under Paul Croucher, reached the front earlier than intended after the second last, but stayed on well to beat Bucko by four lengths.

Trainer David Murray-Smith, climaxing his best season with his first Festival victory, said: "Paul decided he was going so well that he *kicked on although we normally prefer to wait longer*, as he sometimes idles in front."

Murray-Smith, responsible *for Rhyme 'N' Reason's Irish* National victory two years ago, added: "The ground in Ireland will be all important for Aquilifer. He will not run *in it if it is better than soft.*"

Bucko, a game second, now goes for the Seagram Grand National with 10st 5lb. Jimmy *FitzGerald said*: "He's got to have a good chance. He seems to be coming to himself and will come on for this race."

Dunwoody, Sherwood and Richard Rowe all rode two winners at the meeting, but Sherwood earned the Ritz Trophy because he also had *two seconds.*

For the second year running, Galmoy was the only winner of the meeting for the Irish.

The Gold Cup day attendance of 43,129 was surprisingly 5,000 down on last year. Tote turnover at the three days topped £3 million for the first time.

Big race result

3.30 TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP CHASE (Championship race: £61,960: 3m 2f)

CHARTER PARTY b g by Document — Ahoy There (Mrs C Smith) 10-12-0 R Dunwoody (10-1) 1

Cavvies Clown b g by Idiot's Delight — Cavallina (Mrs J Ollivant) 8-12-0 S Sherwood (6-1) 2

Beau Ranger ch g by Beau Chapeau — Sand Martin (White Bros) 10-12-0 P Scudamore (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Playschool (pu), 6 Kildimo, 8 Nupsala (4th), Forgive'N Forget (pu), 11 Rhyme 'N' Reason (f), 12 Yahoo (5th), 40 *Cybrandian (pu), Golden Friend*, 50 Foyle Fisherman (pu), Run And Skip, 80 West Tip (6th), 100 Stearsby (f). 15 ran. 6l, 10l, 3l, 3l, nk. D Nicholson at Condicote. Tote: £9.70; £2.40, £2.30, £5.90. DF: £23.70. CSF: £58.98. Tricast: £1,704.08.

Festival winners

TRAINERS: Three: J Gifford (Golden Minstrel, Vodkatini, Pragada). Two: O Sherwood (Rebel Song, The West Awake). One: D Nicholson (Charter Party); F Winter (Celtic Shot); J Edwards (Pearlyman); M Stoute (Kribensis); G Harwood (Vagador); Jimmy Fitzgerald (Danish Flight); J Mulhern (Galmoy); T Casey (Over The Road); M Wilkinson (Smart Tar); Mrs A Campbell (Certain Light); D Murray-Smith (Aquilifer); N Gaselee (Private Views); B McMahon (Cashew King).

JOCKEYS: Two: R Dunwoody (Charter Party, Kribensis); S Sherwood (Rebel Song, The West Awake); R Rowe (Vodkatini, Pragada). One: P Scudamore (Celtic Shot); T Morgan (Pearlyman); M Perrett (Vagador); M Dwyer (Danish Flight); T Carmody (Galmoy); Mr T Grantham (Golden Minstrel); Mr T Costello (Over The Road); C Llewellyn (Smart Tar); Mr P Hacking (Certain Light); P Croucher (Aquilifer); B Powell (Private Views); T Wall (Cashew King).

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 **AFARISTOUN** (nap).
2.30 Sidewinder.
3.00 Pharoah's Treasure.
3.30 Outside Edge.
4.00 Tranby Croft.
4.30 Sitar Theme.

By Michael Seely
3.30 Outside Edge. 4.30 Averon.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **AFARISTOUN.**
Brian Beel's selection: 2.30 Sidewinder.

Going: soft (heavy patches on chase course)

2.0 NEWLEAF NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: 4-Y-O: £1,525: 2m) (9 runners)

101 0 ADANUS 101 (V Young) V Young 11-0 J Akehurst —
102 2 *AFARISTOUN 16 (K Kayle) J Edwards 11-0* T Morgan ● 99
105 00 BERYL'S JOKE 29 (Mrs E Boswood) A Hicks 11-0 B de Haan 80
107 CHANTRY BOY (Prof A Sanderson) W Holden 11-0 K Townend —
108 60 FLOOD MARK 17 (J Clark) P Butler 11-0 — 88
114 4 MONTAGNARD 18 (M Bradstock) M Bradstock 11-0 Miss S Lawrence 87
121 234000 UP THE LADDER 24 (V Thompson) C Charlet 11-0 G McCourt 81
125 *P MY INSPIRATION 109* (Mrs L Rathbone) M Wilkinson 10-9 C Llewellyn —
126 30 OH MY JOY 56 (P Gallagher Ltd) Miss B Sanders 10-9 I Shoemark (7) 80

BETTING: 4-7 Afaristoun, 4-1 Montagnard, 7-1 Oh My Joy, 8-1 Up The Ladder, 12-1 Flood Mark, 20-1 Beryl's Joke, My Inspiration, 25-1 Chantry Boy, 33-1 Adanus.

1987: TAMATOUR 4-11-0 G McCourt (11-4 fav) D Ringer 21 ran

FORM ADANUS (10-7) 7th to Highland Bounty (10-11) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £767, good, Dec 8, 19 ran).

AFARISTOUN (10-8) 10l 2nd to Triumph Hurdle 3rd Chatam (10-8) at Worcester (2m, £962, good to firm, Mar 2, 21 ran) with MONTAGNARD (10-8) promising 12l 4th.

BERYL'S JOKE (11-0) 22l 7th to Far Too Rich (11-0) at Leicester (2m, £1048, heavy, Feb 18, 18 ran).

OH MY JOY (10-5) better effort 3l 2nd to Kingswood Resopal (11-2) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £885, good to firm, Sep 9, 14 ran).

UP THE LADDER (10-3) distant 11th to Music Minstrel (10-7) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1639, good to soft, Feb 23, 21 ran).

Selection: AFARISTOUN

2.30 IFT HORSE NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £822: 3m) (12 runners)

201 0P0P/4P- BARFRESTON 298 (B) (M Smith) M Smith 8-12-0 M Smith (7) —
203 *4FP-02 BROOKSIDE KING 11 (H Hutsby) H Hutsby 8-12-0* L Lay (7) 94
205 400/U0-0 D'ARCY SPICE 22 (Mrs L Jewell) Mrs L Jewell 11-12-0 L Jewell (7) 72
207 02PP30- GENERAL SANDY 319 (B) (Mrs W T-Wood) Mrs W Trevithick-Wood 10-12-0 T Grantham 80
210 43 HARD UP 22 (BF) (W White) W White 7-12-0 S Cowell (7) 96
212 0048/ ROXSON 695 (S Kenny) S Kenny 13-12-0 S Kenny (7) —
213 F4P/20F- RUNWICK PROSPECT 298 (Mrs V Belcher) Mrs V Belcher 12-12-0 Miss S Belcher (7) 90
214 *P6-F0 SALMON SPINNER 36 (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs P Townsley 10-12-0* P Townsley (7) —
216 3/23-2 SIDEWINDER 11 (J Pickering) J Pickering 10-12-0 J Pickering (7) ● 99
217 U/0UP TEMPLETOWN 11 (D Bloor) D Bloor 9-12-0 D Bloor (7) —
218 040/000- WATER DRAGON 408 (D Marley) L Marley 8-12-0 C Willett (7) —
220 003/0-04 GRAFTON MAISEY 11 (A Mason) A Mason 8-11-9 Miss S Lawrence (7) 91

BETTING: 5-2 Hard Up, 3-1 Sidewinder, 5-1 Brookside King, 6-1 Runwick Prospect, 8-1 Grafton Maisey, 10-1 General Sandy, 14-1 Roxson, 16-1 others.

1987: ARYLL VALLEY 10-12-0 T Moore (100-30) S Thorogood 11 ran

FORM BROOKSIDE KING (12-0) 8l 2nd to Golden King (11-9) at Nottingham with GRAFTON MAISEY (11-9) 3l 4th (3m, £630, good to soft, *Mar 7, 8 ran*).

GENERAL SANDY (10-10) 17½l 6th to Grey Tarquin (11-3) at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, £2349, hard, May 4, 11 ran).

HARD UP (11-2) 4l 3rd to Fred Astaire (11-5) at Folkestone (2m 4f, £630, soft, Feb 25, 11 ran).

RUNWICK PROSPECT (11-2) best effort 1½l 2nd to Romulex (11-2) last season at Folkestone (2m 4f, £630, soft, Feb 26, 16 ran) with BROOKSIDE KING *(11-2) a distance 4th.*

SIDEWINDER (12-0) 4l 2nd to Nobbanolder (12-3) at Leicester with TEMPLETOWN (12-0) pulled up (3m, £630, good to soft, Mar 7, 17 ran).

Selection: SIDEWINDER

3.0 EDEN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,223: 2m) (24 runners)

302 200P-00 JACUZZI 30 (B,G,S) (N Leggett) M Pipe 8-11-11 — 93
303 0-21010 PHAROAH'S TREASURE 64 (B,D,F,S) (R Starke) G Ham 7-11-9 S Mackey (7) 87
305 3P0-000 RYANS DOVE 20 (D,S) (N Wellington) M Pipe 7-11-5 — 91
307 021000 MATELOT ROYALE 11 (S) (M Butler) A Davison 5-11-3 — 92
308 3/FPPPF- SLANEY PRINCE 300 (D,G,S) (Mrs L O'Neill) O O'Neill 8-11-2 R Bellamy (7) —
309 P00400 HIGH HEAVEN 22 (D,S) (D Dewdney) Mrs P Townsley 10-11-2 Candy Moore (4) 94
312 000-000 END OF ERA 115 (CD,F,G,S) (K Poulton) J Long 10-11-0 J Poulton —
316 14/333-P BELL HOP 11 (S) (C Ham) G Ham 12-10-13 B Powell 97
319 00P000 FLAMING PEARL 10 (V,D,F,S) (R Oldroyd) B Stevens 7-10-12 R Goldstein 90
322 *01-PPF0 LEGAL SUGAR 17 (S) (C Gale)* P J Jones 10-10-12 D Wells (7) —
323 00000/P CO CO MAN 30 (S) (R O'Sullivan) R O'Sullivan 9-10-11 D Gallagher (4) —
327 P003/0F MARKET RUN 27 (J Ruddy) R Hannon 8-10-9 — —
329 40003/0 FALCON'S HEIR 13 (BF) (F Barton) M Madgwick 9-10-8 Mr D Madgwick (7) 96
332 400004 H AND K WAGER 79 (B) (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 7-10-6 I Shoemark (7) 93
334 430P01 PELLS CLOSE 8 (V,D,S) (J Bird) S Dow 5-10-6 (6ex) J Duggan 91
335 00000P ZIPARIS 22 *(B,D,S) (Mrs F Burgess) J Elliott 10-10-5* Mrs C Elliott —
337 00PPPP ANNAGH GLOW 3 (O Henley) P Butler 7-10-4 — —
338 0P0F20 HUMBLE LADY 22 (B) (C Weedon) C Weedon 6-10-4 A Jones 94
341 000002 SILVER CANNON 80 (M Wood) R Voorspuy 6-10-3 M Furlong ● 99
343 30P000 SNOWBALL JIM 17 (D,F) (Mrs M Greene) P Howling 8-10-2 — —
348 0001/00- MISTY MIRAGE 533 (D,S) (S Torr) D Burchell 8-10-1 D J Burchell (4) —
351 00-2000 SMILING LAUREL 105 (S Mussoe) *Mrs B Waring 9-10-0* J Robson 97
352 04FPPP LIBERTY WALK 125 (V) (Mrs B Sheridan) G Gracey 9-10-0 — 94
354 0PP-0 WING BEE 11 (Mrs B Gonsalves) A Gonsalves 5-10-0 *A Mulholland (7)* —

BETTING: 5-1 Pharoah's Treasure, 6-1 Humble Lady, 7-1 Pells Close, 8-1 Falcons Heir, 10-1 Jacuzzi, H And K Wager, 12-1 Matelot Royale, 14-1 Bell Hop, Silver Cannon, 16-1 Market Run, 20-1 others.

1987: *KITTY WREN* 7-10-2 P McDermott (20-1) G Roe 22 ran

FORM PHAROAH'S TREASURE (11-3) best effort 1½l defeat of Cantonal (10-1) at Newton Abbot on penultimate start (2m 150yd, £813, soft, Dec 26, 18 ran).

BELL HOP pulled up on reappearance; previously (11-2) 6½l 3rd to Chain Of Reasoning (11-9) at Fontwell last season (2m 2f, £808, hard, Sep 10, 8 ran).

PELLS CLOSE (11-0) beat Spring Wigeon (10-13) 1½l at Stratford (2m, £754, good to soft, Mar 10, 11 ran).

HUMBLE LADY (9-7) best effort 1l 2nd to Namoos (10-12) at Fontwell with H AND K WAGER (10-11) 19l 4th (2m 6f, £889, soft, Dec 30, 15 ran).

SILVER CANNON (11-5) neck 2nd to Thirty Acre (11-3) at Plumpton (2m, £733, heavy, Dec 29, 8 ran).

Selection: PHAROAH'S TREASURE

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 NUTLEY NOVICES CHASE (£1,948: 3m) (8 runners)

401 010F1F OUTSIDE EDGE 13 (BF,S) (B Kilpatrick) D Murray-Smith 7-11-13 P Croucher ● 99
405 P0FFP0 FAST ESCAPE 16 (F) (Mrs D Wigan) J Gifford 7-11-8 R Rowe —
406 403142 TOM BIR 23 (D,S) (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 6-11-8 NON—RUNNER —
417 0-000P6 LOCKNER LAD 13 (S) (D Heath) R Parker 8-11-3 M Furlong —
422 P40PPP ROBERT HENRY 16 (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 12-11-3 — 68
423 2UF-003 ST ANDREW'S BAY 15 (S) (Mrs D Price) T Forster 8-11-3 C Llewellyn 76
429 0P CRASH CALL 71 (Dr C Studd) P Butler 7-10-12 — —
432 00003 PUSHARDA 18 (B) (J Beasley) M Robinson 5-10-7 J White —

BETTING: 5-4 Outside Edge, 3-1 St Andrews Bay, 6-1 Pusharda, 8-1 Fast Escape, 12-1 Lockner Lad, 16-1 Crash Call, 66-1 Robert Henry.

1987: FOYLE FISHERMAN 8-11-3 R Rowe (3-1) J Gifford 19 ran

FORM OUTSIDE EDGE (11-10) 6l winner from Charter Hardware (11-3) on penultimate start at Folkestone (3m 2f, £1732, heavy, Feb 17, 16 ran) with LOCKNER LAD (11-3) pulled up. Prone to jumping errors.

ST ANDREW'S BAY (11-5) 20l 3rd to Goodman Point (11-5) here (2m 4f, £2265, soft, Mar 3, 14 ran).

PUSHARDA (10-5) distant 3rd to Flying Irish (11-1) at Leicester (3m, £1276, good to soft, Feb 29, 15 ran).

Selection: OUTSIDE EDGE

4.0 NEWLEAF NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: 4-Y-O: £1,507: 2m) (14 runners)

502 0P00 CLEAR THE DECKS 14 (Mrs A Flowers) C Benstead 11-0 — —
504 0P CRESPIN 58 (G Knight) G Thorner 11-0 J White —
509 00 HELLO SMITHY 95 (S Sharp) R Akehurst 11-0 D McKeown —
510 0 HIGHLAND LAIRD 22 (J Furlong) D Ringer 11-0 D Murphy —
512 *MAJESTIC BRUNO (Mrs D Fletcher) N Gaselee 11-0 A Adams (7)* —
513 PATRICK'S TARA (P Kinsella) J Edwards 11-0 T Morgan —
515 PP RESTINO 13 (Mrs V Hambly) C Allen 11-0 Mr A Hambly —
516 F0000 R LAD (W Roker) M Madgwick 11-0 Mr D Madgwick (7) —
517 PP0000 ROYAL SAGA 14 (K F Butler & Co Ltd) W Kemp 11-0 S Shilston —
519 0 THE RAM 28 (A Ennever) N Henderson 11-0 J Osborne (4) —
521 323 TRANBY CROFT 13 (R McCreery) J Gifford 11-0 R Rowe ● 99
523 00 ZOAN 104 (S Redmond) A Turnell 11-0 I Lawrence (7) —
524 0 DOUBLE DUTCH 41 (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 10-9 I Shoemark (7) —
525 0 SPRING TIDE 18 (R Pegg) D Ringer 10-9 G McCourt —

BETTING: 4-6 Tranby Croft, 2-1 The Ram, 10-1 Highland Laird, 14-1 Clear The Decks, Patrick's Tara, 16-1 Hello Smithy, Majestic Bruno, 20-1 Zoan, Spring Tide, 25-1 others.

1987: JIMBALOU 4-11-0 R Beggan (7-4 fav) R Brazington 17 ran

FORM CLEAR THE DECKS (10-0) 28½l 5th to Wingspan (11-10) at Newbury last time (2m 100yd, £2650, good, Mar 4, 14 ran) with ROYAL SAGA (10-1) unplaced. Steps down in class.

HIGHLAND LAIRD (10-10) 20l 9th of 21 to Brave Defender (10-10) on Wincanton debut (2m, £1166, good, Feb 25, 21 ran).

THE RAM (11-0) useful on Flat in Ireland; 8th to Russian Affair (11-0) at Sandown (2m, £3166, good to soft, Feb 19, 13 ran).

TRANBY CROFT (10-10) 7l 2nd to Surf Board (10-10) at Windsor on penultimate start (2m 30yd, £4885, good, Feb 20, 13 ran).

ZOAN (11-0) 24½l 5th to Lotus Island (11-0) at Nottingham (2m, £1267, good to soft, Dec 5, 13 ran) with CRESPIN (11-0) unplaced.

Selection: TRANBY CROFT

4.30 CHELSHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,089: 2m) (5 runners)

604 433110 AVERON 8 (CD,BF,G,S) (W Wildman) C Wildman 8-12-3 (7ex) W Irvine (7) 95
606 2-43022 TAMATOUR 25 (CD,BF,G) (J Furlong) D Ringer 5-11-8 G McCourt 93
608 4/31310- SITAR THEME 372 (D,G,S) (D Roxburgh) R Akehurst 6-11-6 D McKeown 94
610 348/3-P0 TARAS CHARIOT 15 (F,S) (T Tobin) P Mitchell 7-11-4 B Powell 92
612 *033021 SEA PENNANT 7 (D,F,S) (I R Jones) I R Jones 12-11-9 (7ex)* A Adams (7) ● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Averon, 11-4 Tamatour, 7-2 Sea Pennant, 9-2 Sitar Theme, 12-1 Tara's Chariot.

1987: SNOWBALL DANNY 7-11-6 D Murphy (6-1) D Wilson 10 ran

FORM AVERON (10-0) unchallenged 20l winner from SEA PENNANT (10-0) over course and distance (£2650, soft, Mar 3, 11 ran) on penultimate start with TARAS CHARIOT (10-0) 8th.

TAMATOUR (10-5) 8l 2nd to The Mississippian (10-0) at Wolverhampton last time (2m, £1534, good to soft, Feb 22, 20 ran).

SITAR THEME (11-7) 3l winner from Formidable Lady (10-10) at Plumpton last year (2m, £685, good, Feb 16, 12 ran).

SEA PENNANT (11-1) 15l winner from Starflight Rocky (10-1) at Carlisle last time (2m 1f 110yd, £1649, soft, Mar 11, 12 ran).

Selection: SEA PENNANT

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
N Gaselee	8	22	36.4
M Pipe	5	21	23.8
J Gifford	17	81	21.0
R Akehurst	7	37	18.9
T Forster	7	41	17.1
A Turnell	4	27	14.8

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr T Grantham	4	16	25.0
R Rowe	14	68	20.6
B Powell	3	19	15.8
D McKeown	3	20	15.0
Candy Moore	3	24	12.5

Only qualifiers

Weld begins with double

***Dermot Weld* and *Michael Kinane*, the champion jockey, shared a double with Dominatus and Gay Burslem as the new Irish Flat season began at Leopardstown yesterday.**

Dominatus prevailed *close home to* beat Monasteroris in the opening juvenile event. Weld thinks highly of the colt and will rest him until the Marble Hill Stakes at the Curragh in May.

***Gay Burslem*, odds-on *for the* Burmah-Castrol Trophy, needed a couple of back-handers from Kinane to *overhaul* the *leader Western Wolf*, but asserted his authority in the closing stages.**

He now goes for the Harp Lager *Guineas Trial at Phoenix Park on April* 2.

However, the mixed meeting lost much of its interest when Carvill's Hill, Ireland's top novice hurdler, was with*drawn after pulling up lame on Wednes*day evening.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Paraselene.
2.45 Laharna Girl.
3.15 Golden Redeemer.
3.45 The Buckwheat.
4.15 Borleafras.
4.45 Mr Optimist.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 **PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS** (nap).

Going: soft with heavy patches (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

2.15 MARSTON NOVICES HURDLE (*Div I: £950: 2m*) (11 runners)

T Wall —
2 00- ARENISCO 330 (Mrs E Yates) B Preece 5-11-4 — 98
5 234 FORMULA ONE 14 (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 6-11-4 P Warner —
6 0-00 FRAMPTON HOUSE 8 (A Peachey) M Charles 6-11-4 R Stronge —
8 00- GERAGHTY AGAIN 51 (D Jenkins) B Stevens 5-11-4 C Smith —
18 00- TUDOR JUSTICE *473 (G Jones) F Jordan 6-11-4* W Knox —
19 0PP VIDEOFIT 29 (J Eaton) J Eaton 6-11-4 J Bryan 74
22 00 LADY ALBRON 30 (Albron Recycling Ltd) C Jackson 5-10-13 S Smith Eccles 88
26 1-00 PARASELENE 57 (BF,S) (D Hobdell Building Ltd) N Henderson 5-10-13 W Hayes (7) —
30 0009 USEFUL ADDITION 6 (D Cowgill) M Tate 6-10-13 R Beggan 93
33 000 *GLOVER'S KIND 29 (T Glover)* Miss A King 4-10-10 *P Scudamore* ● 99
36 3 *PARLEZVOUSFRANCAIS* 10 (Fairford Wholesale Conf Ltd) M Pipe 4-10-10

BETTING: 6-4 Parlezvousfrancais, 5-2 Paraselene, 9-2 Formula One, 8-1 Lady Albron, 12-1 Glovers Kind, 14-1 Geraghty Again, 16-1 others.

1987: RANELAGH 4-10-10 R Dunwoody (8-13 fav) D Nicholson 17 ran

2.45 WHISTON FILLIES SELLING ***HURDLE*** (*4-Y-0: £1,027: 2m*) (10 runners)

411000 TUESDAY EVENING 65 (D,G,S) (Miss M Strickland) R Woodhouse 11-5 B Ellison 93
2 G Mernagh —
10 0 GAY GEM 17 (J Fenwick) Mrs D Hame 10-12 J Doyle ● 99
11 20 GOLD'N SOFT 9 (P Doyle) J O'Shea 10-12 G Bradley —
19 00 *LAHARNA GIRL* 16 (B Anderson) M Pipe 10-12 J Frost —
24 00 MOORLAND NELL 25 (R Frost) R Frost 10-12 G Knight —
29 040 OUR HORIZON 22 (B) (G Taylor) Mrs A Knight 10-12 M Alston (7) 87
30 00000 ROYAL MAGICIAN 9 (B) (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 10-12 G Knight 90
31 P00000 ROYAL SPECIAL 20 (B) (J Montoto) Mrs A Knight 10-12 S McNeill —
32 RUSTICA OAK 20 (Classic Kitchens Nottm Ltd) J King 10-12 Mr M Wellings —
34 UP0P SPARTAN CITY 8 (G Ratcliff) *Mrs A Ratcliff* 10-12

BETTING: 11-4 Tuesday Evening, 7-2 Gold'N Soft, 9-2 Royal Magician, 11-2 Laharna Girl, 13-2 Gay Gem, 10-1 Our Horizon, 14-1 others.

1987: (Div I) FANDANGO BOY 10-12 C Hopwood (14-1) R Frost 10 ran
(Div II) DEAR BOB 10-12 R Atkins (10-1) M Pipe 10 ran

3.15 MILTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,708: 3m 1f) (3 runners)

8 044-432 NORTHERN BAY 20 (C,F,G,S) (T Bill) T Bill 12-11-10 Mr J Railton (7) 89
16 0F41F2 GOLDEN REDEEMER 11 (BF,D,S) (Mrs E Mica) R Francis 10-10-13 S O'Neill ● 99
22 PP0030 GOOD TRADE 59 (F,G,S) (H Harper) H Harper 13-10-0 L Harvey 77

BETTING: 8-11 *Golden Redeemer*, 5-4 Northern Bay, 8-1 Good Trade.

1987: RIG STEEL 7-10-0 P Dever (9-2) P Cundell 8 ran

3.45 WHEATON ASTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,132: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

8 02/0P-0P ALANERRY 30 (B) (K Hill) W Morris 8-11-2 W Morris —
9 0-020P0 BELLWAY 9 (Exors of late H Dale) Miss S Wilton 7-11-2 W Knox —
11 0-0040 CORNISH SPRING 34 (Lt Col P Smyly) R Francis 6-11-2 S O'Neill —
28 300P/P0 RAWDY 30 (B,S) (J Reilly) J Spearing 10-11-2 P Warner —
34 F-4P2F0 THE BUCKWHEAT 15 (S Nixon) C Jackson 7-11-2 J Bryan ● 99
37 P0U/PF WOOTTON BOY 7 (Mrs J Allen) Miss A King 12-11-2 R Beggan —
39 0-00033 BUSH RADIO 29 (P Tylor) R Frost 7-10-11 J Frost 91
42 0000FU EXALTED DAWN 20 (Mrs S Spreadbury) G Doidge 6-10-11 *P Richards* —
46 P-P0000 YOUNG JILL 15 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-10-11 P Dever —

BETTING: 2-1 Bush Radio, 5-2 The Buckwheat, 4-1 Bellway, 8-1 Cornish Spring, 10-1 Alanerry, 16-1 Rawdy, 25-1 others.

1987: GERAMI 7-11-8 T Morgan (7-2) J Edwards 16 ran

4.15 LAPLEY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,833: 2m) (11 runners)

3 41-2133 WOODLAND VIEW 134 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Hammerson) P Jones 9-11-10 M Kinane 89
4 213212 BORLEAFRAS 105 (D,BF,F,S) (N Deisley) D Moffatt 8-11-7 K Ryan (4) 98
13 0-P0003 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 17 (B) (Mrs J Dibben) J Old 8-10-7 S McNeill 94
14 3-F000P DOBSONS CHOICE 59 (F,S) (Exors of late E Evans) Mrs S Evans 10-10-7 P Warner —
15 4P242F RHYMAROUND 13 (S) (J Singleton) D McCain 7-10-7 — 93
17 40-00P0 RAMBLING ECHO 30 (B,D,G) (R Smith) P Jones 7-10-6 R Beggan 90
18 00UF3-0 IOWA 10 (S) (G Dixon) G Doidge 9-10-5 M Williams —
22 PP-P004 KILFORD 18 (A Sharp) P Ransom 8-10-3 — 91
24 0P002-0 END OF THE ROAD 147 (G,S) (K Perrett) J Perrett 8-10-0 G Charles Jones —
25 *004F-P0 TACOVA 25 (F) (R Frost) R Frost 10-10-0* J Frost —
30 F/P001 SIDVIC 7 (D,S) (C Colquhoun) R Woodhouse 9-10-0 B Ellison ● 99

BETTING: 3-1 Sidvic, 7-2 Mandrake Shuffle, 9-2 Kilford, 5-1 Borleafras, 7-1 Woodland View, Rhymaround, 10-1 End of The Road, 14-1 others.

1987: MISTER FEATHERS 6-11-6 S McNeill (7-1) J King 13 ran

4.45 MARSTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £984: 2m) (11 runners)

6 F00- DUNSEL BOY 479 (Mrs H Noonan) B Cambidge 5-11-4 Mr J Cambidge —
9 0P HAWKSMOOR 14 (B O'Brien) Mrs W Sykes 5-11-4 — —
12 40430/1 MR OPTIMIST 83 (D,S) (H Joel) A Turnell 7-11-4 S Knight —
15 P00 *RUN OF WELD 30* (G Parker) W Morris 5-11-4 W Morris —
16 002-100 SEVENS OUT 15 (S) (G Nock) A J Wilson 6-11-4 G Mernagh —
25 0/P CHIAFFA 314 (H Horler) Miss C Horler 6-10-13 S Earle —
31 BAYSHORE LIGHTS (Lord Crawshaw) F Winter 4-10-10 P Scudamore —
34 0P HIGH CHATEAU 25 (M Lilley) J Spearing 4-10-10 P Dever 89
35 FP0 *HOFFA 29 (Mrs D Haine) Mrs D Haine 4-10-10* S Smith Eccles —
36 40P KHATTAF 77 (W Sturt) J Old 4-10-10 *S McNeill* ● 99
38 P0 ROMAN DART 9 (Mrs M Barker) M Scudamore 4-10-10 A Sharpe —

BETTING: 6-4 Khattaf, 3-1 Hoffa, 7-2 High Chateau, 5-1 Bayshore Lights, 12-1 others.

1987: REMEDY THE MALADY 6-11-4 T Morgan (6-4 fav) M Robinson 17 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	*Runners*	*Per cent*
F Winter	6	25	24.0
R Frost	3	15	20.0
N Henderson	6	30	20.0
M Pipe	8	41	19.5
T Bill	4	25	16.0
J King	5	36	13.9

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Bradley	7	24	29.2
S Smith Eccles	5	20	25.0
G Charles Jones	4	16	25.0
J Frost	3	19	15.8
P Scudamore	8	58	13.8
R Stronge	5	45	11.1

FAKENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Old Malton. 2.45 Cuddy Dale. 3.15 Next Best. 3.45 Deadly Going. 4.15 Vaguely Artistic. 4.45 Old Eros.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.15 Kingswood Kitchens.

Going: soft

2.15 *MOUNT PLEASANT CONTRACTS SELLING* HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,343: 2m 80yd) (10 runners)

1 0002 OLD MALTON 6 D Ringer 6-11-10 M Brennan
3 PFP TRAPPER 11 Miss P Hall 4-11-6 T Woolley (7)
5 P000 RONOCCO 27 (D,F) P Haslam 6-11-4 P Holley (7)
6 P100 ROBERT FROST 27 (D,G) G Gracey 5-11-2 —
7 0P00 SCOTCH HALL 7 W Kemp 6-11-1 Mr S McKeever (7)
8 0000 SUSSEX OVERSEAS 6 (S) F Jackson 6-11-0 S Woods (4)
9 0403 MISS APEX 9 Mrs M Jackson 6-10-12 M Price (7)
12 0002 EMERKALA 9 Miss G Rees 4-10-11 W Worthington
18 000 THE PATRICK FOX 17 (V) J Scallan 4-10-8 —
20 0F0 TUFTY LADY 17 I Campbell 4-10-9 R Campbell

9-4 Emerkala, 11-4 *Old Malton*, 4-1 *Miss Apex*, 8-1 *Sussex* Overseas, 7-1 Ronocco, 10-1 Robert Frost, 12-1 Scotch Hall.

2.45 TOPCLEAN NOVICES CHASE (£1,547: 3m) (12)

1 2411 PERROQUET 17 (CD,G,S) G Vergette 8-12-5 *Mrs H Vergette*
2 /0P1 BROKEN FLIGHT 17 (B,F,S) J Davies 11-11-12 NON—RUNNER
3 6F00 MATRIC 49 (S) J Blundell 7-11-12 D Dutton
5 P-0P DANGEROUS GAME 7 (B) R Champion 9-11-5 D Tegg (4)
7 0P0- GIOLMING 293 K Morgan 8-11-5 M Brennan
8 -000 ITALIAN SUNRISE 83 P Howling 8-11-5 R Crank
9 4000 MARTIAL COMMANDER 29 (S) G Enright 8-11-5 M Perrett
10 0003 OKEYDOKE 11 T Forster 8-11-5 H Davies
11 000P ORYX MINOR 6 (F,G,S) S Mellor 8-11-5 G Landau
12 0000 TORS 18 B Morgan 7-11-5 D Shaw
13 TUMBLE JACK B Bylord 8-11-5 T Woolley (7)
14 0442 CUDDY DALE 24 G Hubbard 5-10-9 R Supple (7)

6-4 Perroquet, 11-4 Cuddy Dale, 9-2 Okeydoke, 6-1 Oryx Minor, 10-1 Matric, 14-1 others.

3.15 RMC GROUP WEST NORFOLK NOVICES *HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,473: 2m 5f)* (14)

1 2FF3 KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 15 (F,G) Mrs E Ludlow 8-11-13 P Clarke (7)
3 02/0- DAN ZAKI 333 M Kempt 8-11-7 M Kemp (7)
4 FF/0 DOUBLE TURN 11 Mrs A Viller 7-11-7 P Harding-Jones (7)
5 P4/3 ELGENDON 11 D Brown 8-11-7 A Rebori (7)
6 P/F FREE PERCH 20 H Copley 6-11-7 A Walton (7)
7 0-P4 GRAGARA PRIDE 15 (B,F,S) J Poynton 11-11-7 J Wrathall (4)
8 034- KILWARDEN 298 G King 10-11-7 —
9 F/2 NEXT BEST 22 T Hills 12-11-7 T Hills (7)
10 24-F PITPAN'S GLORY 13 (F,G) A Wakelam 11-11-7 G Hanmer (7)
11 F/0- PORTMADOC 323 (G) J Whyte 11-11-7 J Whyte (7)
12 PU RECKLESS PHILIP 6 (G,S) T Rollingson 11-11-7 R Dowsing (7)
17 33- WISE GAMBOL 662 S Steam 9-11-7 S Steam (7)
18 02/ DAYS GORSE 735 R Wadham 12-11-2 —
20 -U20 PENTINO 11 R Weaving 8-11-2 Mrs J Saunders (7)

7-4 Next Best, 3-1 Kingswood Kitchens, 6-1 Elgendon, Pentino, 10-1 Gragara Pride, 12-1 Days Gorse.

3.45 MIDDLETON AGGREGATES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,643: 2m 80yd) (6)

1 4010 HAPPY BREED 49 (D,G,S) J Blundell 5-11-10 M Brennan
2 -P02 DEADLY GOING 10 (D,F,S) K Bridgwater 10-11-8 A Webb
7 0041 HIGH RIVER 13 (D,G) B Morgan 6-10-13 (5ex).. D Shaw
10 00-0 QUALITY PRINCE 21 (D,S) M Avison 7-10-0 R Marley (4)
13 P-00 LADY OWEN 125 R Spicer 5-10-0 S Keightley
14 -FPP FORTINA'S FOX FIRE 58 J Morris 8-10-0 J McLaughlin

6-4 Deadly Going, 2-1 High River, 11-4 Happy Breed, 16-1 Quality Prince, 25-1 Lady Owen, 33-1 Fortina's Fox Fire.

4.15 DEWFRESH MUSHROOMS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,963: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

2 0P00 DUNSTALL 18 (CD,F,G,S) B Morgan 11-11-10 C Prince (7)
3 001P SAN LORENZO 7 (B,F,G,S) M Skinner 10-11-9 S Woods (7)
4 2/0P GARFUNKEL 3 (CD,F,G) P Mitchell 9-11-9 R Dunwoody
6 1212 VAGUELY ARTISTIC 56 (C,F,S) G Hubbard 5-10-12 R Supple (7)
7 211P SILENT ECHO 24 (C,F,G,S) A Blackmore 13-10-8 Mr M Armytage
9 F440 KEYCORN 7 (B,G,S) J Blundell 8-10-3 M Brennan
10 0-P0 MIGHTY DISASTER 11 (F) W Kemp 10-10-0 Mr S McKeever (7)

2-1 Vaguely Artistic, 7-2 Silent Echo, 9-2 Garfunkel, 5-1 San Lorenzo, 8-1 Dunstall, Keycorn, 20-1 Mighty Disaster.

4.45 HOLKHAM CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,166: 2m 80yd) (11)

1 2311 OLD EROS 87 (D,G) R Williams 4-12-5 D Skyrme
6 0000 RESTANDBETHANKFUL 16 Mrs S Lamyman 6-11-4 D Telfer (4)
7 -443 RECOLLECT 8 J Payne 6-11-2 Vicki Garner (4)
11 003 FUNNY SARAH 17 (B) M Tompkins 4-10-10 R Supple
13 0002 HAY STREET 23 R Champion 7-10-9 D Tegg
14 FP0 HOFFA 29 Mrs D Haine 4-10-9 —
15 -000 WELL RIGGED 9 M Avison 7-10-6 R Marley
18 0000 SEVEN SWALLOWS 11 H Collingridge 7-10-4 S Woods
19 0020 LOOSE RUCK 6 (BF) J Pearce 4-10-4 C Huggan (4)
20 0000 NEEDWOOD NYMPH 9 B Morgan 4-10-3 .. C Prince (4)
22 0PP GLOBAL 27 W Musson 5-10-1 J da Costa (4)

5-2 Recollect, 3-1 Old Eros, 9-2 Funny Sarah, 5-1 Loose Ruck, 7-1 Hay Street, 10-1 Seven Swallows, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs D Haine, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%; P Mitchell, 9 from 23, 39.1%; M Tompkins, 3 from 10, 30.0%; W Kemp, 5 from 38, 13.2%; (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: No qualifiers.

Yesterday's results from Cheltenham

Going: soft

2.15 *DAILY EXPRESS TRIUMPH HURDLE* (Championship race: £30,285: 2m)

KRIBENSIS gr g by Henbit — Aquaria (Sheikh Mohammed) 11-0 R Dunwoody (6-1) 1

Wahiba b g by Tumble Wind — Lady *Kasbah (J Brown) 11-0 N Coleman* (66-1) 2

Chatam b c by Big Spruce — Christaiina (Dr B Nolan) 11-0 P Scudamore (25-1) 3

South Parade b g by Martinmas — Trust Ann (Miss C Roberts) 11-0 Gradley 33-1 4

ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Old Dundalk, 4 jt-fav Surf Board, 11 Bikaloy (6th), 12 Calapaez, 20 Sea Island, Wingspan (5th), 25 Gilt Bronze, Shamshek, 33 Chesham Square, *Daffodil, Jason's Quest (ref)*, 40 Marvellous Marvin, 50 Kadan, Lyphento, 66 Gennaro, Goodwyns Lad, 100 Prince Newport, Record Flight, Rivers Secret, 500 Dragon's Blood, Highsted (pu), O'Connell Street (pu). 26 ran. NR: Native Smile, Smoggy Spray, Unpaid Member. 3l, 4l, 12l, nk, nk. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £5.90; £2.60, £49.60, £4.90. DF: £1,228.00. CSF: £271.66. Tricast: £7,977.97.

2.50 CHRISTIES FOXHUNTER CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER CHASE (Listed race: £10,638: 3m 2f)

CERTAIN LIGHT br g by Lucifer — Fool Proof (Mrs A Campbell) 10-12-0 Mr P Hacking (9-1) 1

Three Counties b g by Little Buskins (Miss K Rimell) 11-12-0 Miss K Rimell (7-2) 2

Acarine b g by Le Prince — Cloonadoon (Mrs P Harris) 12-12-0 Mr M Armytage (2-1 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 4 Observe (4th), 9 Attitude *Adjuster (5th)*, 10 Beamwam (5th), 25 Phil Grey (f), 33 Brunton Park, 100 Drumlargan (ref). 9 ran. 2l, 20l, 2½l, 10l, 4l. Mrs A Campbell at Ashford. Tote: £11.40; £2.40, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £21.40. CSF: £36.76.

3.30 SEE ABOVE

4.5 RITZ CLUB NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP CHASE (Listed race: £21,120: 3m 1f)

AQUILIFER ch g by Deep Run — Gentle Eagle (B Kilpatrick) 8-10-12 P Croucher (6-2) 1

Bucko br g by Royal Buck — Tame Cindy *(Mrs P MacCann) 10-11-1 M Dwyer* (16-1) 2

Von Trappe b g by Normandy — Sharp Awakening (P Bancroft) 11-11-3 E Buckley (16-1) 3

Torside ch g by Funny Man — Annaghmore (G C Bisgrove Ltd) 9-11-3 M Perrett (14-1) 4

ALSO RAN: 3 fav Arctic Stream (f), 10 Mr Moonraker (6th), 12 Burnapour, Gala's Image (f), Stands Of Gold (5th), 14 Church Warden (pu), 16 Rig Steel (f), 20 Fudge Delight (pu), 25 Darkorjon (f), Knock Hill, Risk A Bet (pu), 33 Fair Is Fair (f). 16 ran. NR: Bob Tisdall. 4l, 2½l, 2l, 2l, 6l. D Murray-Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.80; £1.40, £5.70, £3.60, £5.80. DF: £89.30. CSF: £68.91. Tricast: £983.80.

4.40 CATHCART CHALLENGE CUP CHASE (Listed race: £14,738: 2m 4f)

PRIVATE VIEWS b g by Radical — Informal Vue (D Stoddart) 7-11-0 B Powell (7-1) 1

Gee-A br g by Arapaho — Arctic Daisy (G Hubbard) 9-11-3 R Supple (12-1) 2

Ten Of Spades b g by Raise You Ten — Hansel Money (W Whitbread) 8-11-7 D Browne (9-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Raise An Argument (pu), 7-2 Knockelly Castle (6th), 13-2 Dads Gamble (f), 8 Stay On Tracks (4th), 50 Four Trix (5th). 8 ran. 2l, 1½l, 2½l, 6l, 10l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £1.70, £2.60, £2.90. DF: £44.40. CSF: £71.51

5.15 COUNTY HANDICAP HURDLE (Listed race: £15,216: 2m)

CASHEW KING b g by Faraway Times — Sinzinbra (P Moss) 5-10-4 T Wall (9-1) 1

Sunbla b g by Sunyboy — Carbia (G Turner) 7-9-7 P Hegarty (50-1) 2

Rampallion b g by Riboboy —, Rampage (Mrs D Smart) 5-10-8 R Dunwoody (9-1) 3

Cliffalda ch g by Young Man — Hampsruth (R McAlpine) 5-11-3 T Morgan (5-1 jt-fav) 4

ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Regal Castle, 9 Capa, 11 Furlana Wonder, 14 Intuition (pu), 16 Cool Strike, Junior Citizen, Redgrave Devil (f), 20 Rushmoor, 25 Brunico (6th), 33 Comanchero, 33 Keynes, Sir Crusty, Robin Wonder, 50 Aniece, Tour de Force, Gallant Buck, Just A Hall (f), Tuns Hill (5th), Nippy Chippy, Son Of Ivor. 24 ran. NR: Tonycharlie & Daniel Martin. 3l, 1½l, 5l, 1l, hd. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £7.20; £2.00, £18.50, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £532.80. CSF: £376.10. Tricast: £3702.39.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £60,269.73 carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £998.70.

● Gee Armytage failed a fitness test for the fourth time at Cheltenham yesterday and missed the ride on Gee-A, who finished second in the Cathcart Chase. Miss Armytage broke her left collar-bone when Darkorjon fell at Ascot five weeks ago.

● There are inspections planned today for two of tomorrow's meetings. Uttoxeter inspect at noon and Newcastle at 3pm. Today's meeting at Wolverhampton, where there was an inspection yesterday, should go ahead unless there was heavy overnight rain.

Mick Cleary interviews the Rugby Union player who transcends the ordinary

Player aloof in the maelstrom

Few sportsmen have that precious ability to uplift the spirits and disperse the gloom. In one sublime moment at Cardiff Arms Park last month Jonathan Davies ensured that many a cold comfortless winter's evening to come would be tinged with light as memories of his glorious try against Scotland wafted through the night. The score was spirited from nowhere; in the twinkling of an eye he surged through a contraflow of players with not a finger laid on him. It had all the hallmarks of his play; vision, impudence, athleticism and conviction.

He has always had that rare capacity to transcend the ordinary. He has not always had the acclaim that ought to accompany such gifts. In part it is his own fault.

"Too big a mouth, too little prudence," he admits wryly. Last year his naive talk of taking Rugby League's silver shilling if it came his way drew the full ire of the Welsh RFU and alienated many diehards. In part he is the victim of petty jealousies. Last summer his switch of clubs from the Welsh champions, Neath, to Llanelli stirred up all those internicine emotions of South Wales rugby.

"Too arrogant; too selfish, good riddance" was the summary appraisal of a certain section. "They all thought I copped a bob or two for it as well," Davies says. "Nothing in it really. I was born and bred in Llanelli. I was *simply going home.*"

And to what effect. The Scarlets became the first club to pass a thousand points for the season with a tally of 165 tries when they whipped Newport 50-29 last Saturday. Davies contributed 22 to the total.

His new maturity has much to do with more settled domestic circumstances. His wife Karen is expecting their first child in July and plans for the building of a new home in Llanelli are well in hand.

Impish humour and a sassy smile

"I've got to get it all sorted out before the Welsh tour to New Zealand because if anything goes wrong when I'm out there the cost of the phone calls home will be half of the mortgage."

His impish sense of humour and sassy *smile — half cocky, half bashful* — sparkle all the more when set against the windowless walls and dreary files of pension plans and unit trusts which surround him in the offices of Sterling, an asset management firm for whom he's been working since October. In many ways security and insurance seem an *ironic* backdrop for one whose sporting persona is imbued with dash, dazzle, risk and adventure.

Catch-me-if-you-can is the mocking taunt as shoulders dropped, bottom low, the will-o'the-wisp is away. In so doing he has been known to whisper a few words to those in hot pursuit.

"The Irish flanker Nigel Carr and I tend to have a good repartee. I know that if he ever got hold of me he'd do some damage. I think it's what's helped me to hone my speed — fear. I'm a natural coward really."

Blossomed into an all-round player

Davies's play this year has blossomed from its over reliance perhaps on individual brilliance into a tactically accomplished, all-round game.

"I feel I'm much more aware of options all around me now. When to pass, when to run; who to bring in, who to miss out."

The winning of the Triple Crown in Dublin a fortnight ago was an immensely important achievement for Davies and his team colleagues. He makes few apologies for the manner of the victory.

"The pressure going into that match was absolutely enormous. We had nine barren years of history weighing heavily on our shoulders. Perhaps we wanted to win too much before we started snatching at everything. At long last though we may have laid to rest the ghosts of the seventies. As a result we'll probably be more relaxed against France and be able to revert to our normal game.

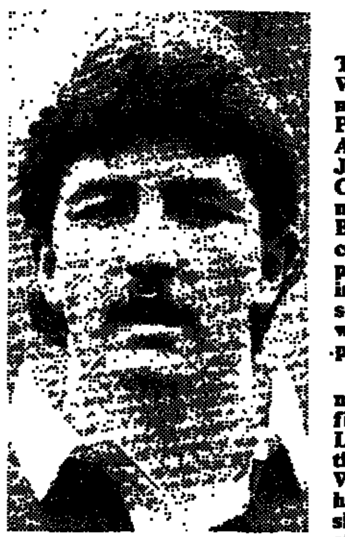
"That said, I've always thought that the French would be the toughest opponents of the season; they're so physical."

To win the grand slam tomorrow — in a match which Davies still hopes to take part in despite having suffered a twinge in his calf in training on Thursday — the Welsh forwards will once more have to painstakingly chisel out every little bit of possession with one man in particular at the heart of the struggle — Robert Norster. "I have so much respect for Robert because of his commitment, his control and his ability that it adds an edge to my own game. I couldn't abide feeling as if I'd let him down."

The Arms Park will be a heaving hurly-burly of hwyl tomorrow as 50,000 larynx strain to *Sospan Bach* their boyos to their first grand slam in 10 years. In what is sure to be a maelstrom of a match Davies's greatest asset — his inner calm — is sure to *stand aloof.*

Lull before the storm: Davies relaxes while waiting to help Wales mount their grand slam challenge against France at Cardiff Arms Park *tomorrow*

Scrum halves with opposing outlooks



Jones: a rarity

By Peter Bills

Trebanos, hidden away in the Welsh valleys, and Lannemezan, in France's Hautes-Pyranees, have little in common. As little, in fact, as Robert Jones, Wales's scrum half in Cardiff this Saturday, and the man he opposes, Pierre Berbizier. Fascinatingly, they could be players from different positions such is their differing interpretations of the role of a scrum half. Each in his own way will be central to his team's prospects of victory.

Jones, born in Trebanos almost seven years after Berbizier first glimpsed life from Lannemezan, vies with Jonathan Davies as the jewel in the Welsh crown. Davies's feats have been splendid, but none should overlook the contribution of the 5ft 7in Jones, whose long, perfectly-spun pass which personifies accuracy and speed, offers Davies the space and time in which to operate.

As a comparison with his predecessors, Jones is a rarity. Both Gareth Edwards and Terry Holmes had the physique to act as supplementary flankers in certain situations, and they took on players around the fringes with the relish of schoolchildren devouring ice cream.

"I like to get the ball away to offer as many possibilities to my fly half as possible," Jones says. "Of course you look for the opening yourself, but with the game-plan Wales have used this season, it has been important to get the ball down the line."

Berbizier fitted perfectly Jacques Fouroux's requirements when France opted for big forwards capable of dominating internationals at the start of the 1981 championship. Then with Lourdes, Berbizier's sniping around the fringes, his play in tandem with the back row attacking up the short side and driving into the opposing midfield from the open to set up second phase ball, was ideally suited to the overall pattern adopted. It has remained his forté to this day. His influence is superior even to that of the official captain, Daniel Dubroca.

Jones says of him: "I could not believe it when France chose him ahead of Jerome Gallion. But he has come on leaps and bounds since then and in the last two seasons we have seen the absolute best of him. He is such a good general: he reads the game so well. He encourages and sets up others superbly. His tackling is sound but his support play is outstanding. Basically, although his pass may not be special, he does everything.

"Out of all the northern hemisphere scrum halves, I would rate Berbizier the best."

Jones is much more of a *classical scrum half with his* superb delivery. He is exactly the same size as the Frenchman, and with 20 caps already, at the age of 22, he could well overhaul Gareth Edwards's record of 53 caps for a Welsh scrum half.

Jones says the difference this season has been the time spent together by the Welsh squad. "That has been invaluable. We toured the South Pacific in 1986 and then had the World Cup last year. We are a close-knit side and have trained together every fortnight since the start of the season. It has made a big difference for we are more like a *club side now.*"

Studying both sides on Saturday ought to be highly instructive. In the case of Jones and Berbizier, the contest offers a fascinating scrutiny.

When the drums of old ring through the valleys again

By Gerald Davies

"And is this the way it was?" the boy, Rhodri, asked of his father, high and dry in the stand, as Wales and Scotland thrust and parried in a frenzy below.

"Aye," said his dad, who had regaled him with such wild tales of the long ago. "This is the way I remember it. This is the way it used to be."

Whether it ever quite was the way he now remembers it, nobody any longer cares to dispute and so he, along with all the rest, chooses to remember what immediately came to be known as the golden time in Welsh rugby, through a fond rosy after glow.

And you had imagined, this dad, like that old sea-salt from another legend in Raleigh's boyhood, pointing back to some distant shore of half-forgotten detail, now set in a dimly-lit, soft focus time. These were the old heroes of a game which the young Rhodri could not know, hardly believe, and recognize only — apart from the yarns his father told him — from the flicking rewind, slow-mo video pictures.

And while all such talk of fancy circled round, as his dad conjured up through his tongue and magic phrase a potent world of the passing kings, who always, it seemed, danced merrily to a spring time tune, all the rugby Rhodri saw for himself up and down the land belied all this and was only of that kind which, to use the poet's phrase, was "glib with prose." It was often either incomprehensible or dull, too. It was not of that kind to inspire. His father had emerged from that foreign country where they do do things so famously different. And what could be so different that the rugby his father said he once saw and the rugby the young boy had come to know.

But in the heady mood of that Arms Park a month ago the burden of these last years of a decade all but lost to Wales fell from his shoulders like an albatross.

Now it is not so much the winning of the triple crown, though that is cherished, and should mean no sackcloth and ashes this season; nor is it that the grand slam is knocking once more at the door, though that, *too, is fine enough. No, it should* go much deeper than that. Yes, winning is important and the season will be no grandly as the triple crown year in Wales. But winning at Landsdowne Road was drably achieved and nobody in the Welsh cap took much comfort from that.

If this was the heavy rock of the season it is the earlier elegant themes which are preferred. It will be remembered for the Twickenham tries. It will be remembered for the majesty of the Scottish game. Winning is important. But what price the manner of winning? Is there an obligation for a sportsman to play with style? Should a rugby player, and his coach, think beyond the *difficult* act of winning? May be not.

For the moment there is this though to say. Rhodrie, my pal's son, got up the Monday following the Scotland game and never had there been such a time as then to go on the rugby field. Such was the urgency. Such has been the effect of what he had seen.

"This was the way it was, was it, dad?" he had queried as Scotland looked challengingly at Wales in the eye and the drama of the match took over and engulfed the emotions. Nerves on edge, awed and exhilarated, the boy turned and said, "well, all I know is that my legs are now like jelly."

That is the audience, such is the response. And that vibrancy had been missing for so long. Will it, with one final flourish, be recaptured tomorrow at this season's end?

Spanish worthy of Redman warning

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

When Nigel Redman, the Bath lock, offers his contribution to this evening's *England* team meeting before the B international against Spain at Imber Court — the first time the countries have met at this level — he may well warn against taking the game lightly.

This will be Redman's third encounter with the Spanish in the last four years, and the other two were hard won. He, along with Simms and Wells, was part of an England under-23 XV which beat the full Spanish national side 16-9 in Seville in 1984. Two years later, Spain came to Twickenham to play an under-23 XV fortified by six senior internationals and captained by Redman, and England won 15-10 thanks to five penalties kicked by Barnes.

It was Spain who embarrassed England in the inaugural New South Wales sevens in Sydney in 1986, winning their pool match 24-6 with Puertas and Rivero endearing themselves to the Australian spectators with some delightful running. Both play tonight, as do eight other survivors from the game at Twickenham two years ago.

However, it is also worth mentioning that when Spain made a short tour of Wales in 1985, they lost 80-9 to Wales B and Ieuan Evans ran in six tries.

This season Spain were beaten 13-0 by Italy but have still to play their FIRA matches against Romania, the Soviet Union and France, so Imber Court is an important part of their preparations. So is it for England, in the last of their three B internationals this season: "They have everything to go for," Alan Davies, their coach, said yesterday. "We are trying to get a structure which allows the players, if they play well, to be aware of the possibilities which open up."

ENGLAND B: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham); J Bentley (Sale), J Buckton (Saracens), K Simms (Wasps), G Hartley (Nottingham); A Sutton (Cambridge University), S Robson (Moseley); M Linnett (Moseley), J Olver (Harlequins), G Pearce (Northampton, capt), J Wells (Leicester), N Redman (Bath), S Bainbridge (Fylde), A Robinson (Bath), A Macfarlane (Fylde).

SPAIN: F Puertas (Canoe, Madrid); E Uzquiano (Canoe), G Rivero (Olimpico, Madrid), S Torres (Santboiana, Barcelona, capt), L-F Martin (Olimpico); J Moreno (Arquitectura, Madrid), J Diaz (Getxo, Bilbao); J Alvarez (El Salvador, Valladolid), A Trenzano (BUC, Barcelona), T Pardo (Valencia), H Massoni (Santboiana), F Mendez (Cisneros, Madrid), J Chacarro (BUC), J-A Egido (Canoe), A Fernandez (Arquitectura).

Referee: G Simmonds (Wales).

● Stuart Barnes and David Trick, both of Bath, have been invited to play for the Irish Wolfhounds in the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank sevens next weekend.

Chasing more success

England Colts conclude their brief visit to Italy when they meet Italy Youth in Rome tomorrow, hoping to repeat last season's success when they won 22-10 at New Brighton (David Hands writes).

Three of the side — Hoad, the Surrey stand-off half, Harrison, the Yorkshire centre, and Back, the Warwickshire flanker — have made the successful transition from 18-group schools internationals last year to colts caps this year. In the build-up to the tour, England Colts beat all four regional selections and ended with a 46-6 win over Loughborough University freshers.

ENGLAND COLTS: W Kilford (Mansfield); D Essien (Taunton), G Harrison (Wharfedale), G Thompson (Rosslyn Park), H Thorneycroft (Northampton); J Hoad (Rosslyn Park), J Knight (Bath); R Hardwick (Barkers Butts), J Aldwinckle (Leicester), P Walton (Alnwick), A

Centre to reopen

Middlesbrough Football Club is to reopen the community sports centre at Ayresome Park after strong pressure from the Football Trust and Football Grounds Improvement Trust. The club has received grants totalling £280,000 for the provision of an indoor facility, but since its completion in March 1986 the centre has remained closed for much of the time.

Bradford have the invincible look

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Bradford Grammar School have finished the season unbeaten for the second time in succession. The last time that they lost was to Arnold School on March 15, 1986 and their average winning margin over these two golden years has been 30-4.

Since that distant defeat, Bradford have drawn three matches and scored 1,599 points to 248 conceded.

St Edward's College's Golden Jubilee Sevens at Liverpool was a great success, resulting in victory for **Strade**, who beat **Wallace HS of Ulster** 19-6 in a rather one-sided final, Wallace having qualified from their group only as runners-up.

The Sutton and Epsom Sevens were won by **John Fisher**, *who beat* **Tiffin** *in the semi-final* and then overwhelmed **St John's Leatherhead** (20-0) in the final. The Herefordshire Sevens, held last Sunday, resulted in victory for **Plymouth College** who disposed of **Llandovery**, before beating **Monmouth** (14-6) in the final.

The Surrey Schools Sevens, held on Wednesday, were won by John Fisher again. They beat another Surrey school, **Epsom** (22-0) in the final having beaten **Millfield** (12-6) in their semi-final. **Epsom** beat **Brynteg**, winners of the Windsor Sevens (18-12) in the other semi-final.

Both **Malvern** and **Shrewsbury** are much stronger at Colts than first XV level. Shrewsbury's first team won five and lost three games but the Under 16 side is unbeaten since it came together at under-14 level and won all seven matches played this term.

Rossall Under-15 registered an excellent win (22-10) and a place in the Daily Mail semi-finals, by beating **Bradford GS** at Arnold School last Tuesday.

MOTOR SPORT

Recognition from Government for showing the way

By John Blunsden

Government recognition of the role played by motor racing in the creation of thousands of jobs, the achievement of millions of pounds in export sales and the generation of invisible earnings through technical and other services to the motor industry was made at a reception at Lancaster House on Wednesday evening.

Hosted by Kenneth Clarke, the Minister of Trade and Industry, and Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, the function was attended by more than 250 guests representing teams, event organizers, the racing industry, circuit owners and promoters.

"British achievements in motor racing have led to the direct employment of more than 10,000 people and to a significant contribution to this country's balance of payments," Clarke said.

Citing examples of recent sporting successes, he mentioned that British manufacturers had won the Formula One world championship seven times in the last 10 years and that of the 30 cars on the starting grid for last year's Indianapolis 500, 28 had British-made chassis and 27 British-made engines. Last year, Jaguar won the world sports prototype championship and has begun its defence of the title this year with a victory at Daytona.

"Motorsport can be regarded as the test bed of the motor industry, helping to develop the technology of tomorrow's passenger car. Ventilated disc brakes are a well-known example, and now we have low-expansion pistons. The next technological breakthrough looks like being active suspension, which has already been developed successfully on the race track."

Clarke stressed motor racing's role in publicizing the existence of leading-edge technologies in this country. "Competition vehicle and component producers play an important part in this process since the results of their efforts are *clearly visible to the* public at large."

Replying on behalf of the guests, Jeffrey Rose, chairman of the RAC, said that British achievement in international motor racing was as old as the sport itself.

Spencer to retire through injury

Shreveport (Reuter) — The triple world motor-cycling champion, *Freddie Spencer*, yesterday announced his retirement from the sport.

"I've been racing hard for the better part of 20 years," the American rider, knownas "Fast Freddie", said in making his surprising announcement. "It's time I gave my body a rest." Spencer said he made his retirement decision before next week's opening race in Suzuka, Japan, after suffering severe tendinitis in his right wrist during recent machine testing in Australia.

Spencer underwent wrist surgery in 1986 and was sidelined for the season. But despite the surgery he developed tendinitis in the wrist and the recurring problems from it led him to retire.

"After the HRC (Honda Racing Corp) training programme in California this winter, I felt fit and was eager for the season to begin," he said. "But I expect a certain level of performance from myself, with the only objective being to win the world title.

"With this injury, I don't feel that I can consistently produce that expected level throughout the season."

Spencer, aged 26, who captured both the 500cc and 250cc world titles in 1985, sustained a series of racing injuries in the past few seasons, the most recent being a concussion suffered last August in Bologna, Italy.

Spencer said he would now devote his time to the completion of a commercial video cassette that will show riding styles and racing techniques.

Carlton debut

Vauxhall's Carlton Thundersaloon, re-designed with the aid of wind tunnel testing, will make its debut at Brands Hatch on March 27 in the opening round of the Shell Thundersaloon series. In testing the Carlton has been considerably quicker than it was last season.

BOXING

Honeyghan has a new mouth to feed

By Jonathan Rendall

Lloyd Honeyghan, who failed to respond to the stubborn questioning of the Mexican, Jorge Vaca, when losing his three world welterweight titles last October, had all the answers yesterday upon his arrival from training camp in Florida for the rematch at Wembley, on March 29.

Honeyghan was in celebratory mood following the birth of a son, Lloyd Henry, to add to his growing family. When his trainer, Bobby Neill, said the boxer's present buoyant attitude, compared to past indiscretions, was like "chalk to cheese", Honeyghan interjected: "What, you calling *me* chalk?" And Honeyghan's response to an inquiry as to the well-being of *his absent manager, Micky Duff,* was: "Micky who?"

Neill and the co-promoter, Jarvis Astaire, were on cue with reassurances that "Lloyd's only joking", but the damaged condition of Honeyghan's right hand is no joke. He has been using only the left in training but claims to be "saving the right for the night. I can handle it. The mood I'm in I wouldn't face myself."

Vaca, who has not boxed since winning the titles, arrives on Monday, while Honeyghan will train in Tottenham using the American middleweight, Sammy Floyd, as chief sparring partner. Only the World Boxing Council title is at stake on this occasion.

At the Latchmere Leisure Centre, Battersea, tonight, Johnny Melfah has the chance to score a point off his middleweight rival, Nigel Benn. Melfah's American opponent, Reggie Miller, is a slippery counter-puncher who gave Benn all the trouble he could handle for six rounds before he was nailed by a left hook in the seventh.

DOGSLED RACING

Butcher leaves men trailing

By Jeremy Hart

Susan Butcher, America's sportswoman of the year, yesterday won her third successive *Iditarod* when she arrived in Nome, Alaska, at the end of the 1,049-mile course.

Nine hours ahead of her closest rivals, Martin Buser and Rick Swenson, Butcher was cheered into the ice-bound port on the Bering Sea by a thousand-strong crowd of spectators lining the chute into the finish line. Butcher was the favourite to win the sixteenth Iditarod right from the start of the race in Anchorage a fortnight ago. For many, the event was a foregone conclusion. "She simply has an outstanding team, is outstanding herself and has literally learnt how to win the Iditarod," a race spokesman said.

In the end, she and her team of huskies — nine *of which completed the race* — outpaced and outthought the dogsled world's top racers, leaving many of the spectators in Nome disappointed that the finish of the race had not been closer between *Butcher, Buser and Swenson,* a former winner. "It's too bad," one woman concluded, "that the excitement was not there. But Butcher did earn *her win.*"

Lesley Monk of Britain, who is four days behind the leaders at Ruby, has recovered from two accidents *en route*, when her team of dogs and her sled crashed through thin ice. She is *in 46th position* of the 47 teams left in the event from the 53 starters.

Extreme temperatures, falling as low as minus-70° F on the Bering Straights, claimed the sole Australian racer in the *Iditarod. Brian Carver,* from Melbourne, was air lifted to Anchorage suffering from severe frostbite. Released from intensive care yesterday Carver is expected to remain in hospital for another week.

SQUASH RACKETS

Barrington has high ambitions

By Colin McQuillan

The short term appointment of Jonah Barrington to direct the England under 19 squad, in pursuit of the world junior *championship in Edinburgh* at the end of this month, could be just the beginning of a five year programme aimed at English domination of the international game, if the former world No. 1 has his way.

"We are nicely poised right now to move up on the Pakistanis and Australians, who currently rule the roost," Barrington said after his appointment was announced by the English Squash Rackets Association (SRA) yesterday.

"We have, in Del Harris, a national champion just 18 years old who has already made a significant international impact. Around him we have a group yet to show their real quality and just behind is the best depth of young talent we have ever produced.

"Now is the time to bring that talent through. If we do not strike now we may never have another chance to stay with the leadership of a sport growing faster every year around the world."

As a player Barrington won six British Open championships and in the 1970s led the game from its public school and private club roots into the commercial and professional arena. He is now renowned for his motivational techniques and was the coaching force behind an unexpected third place for England in last October's world team championship.

"The ideal would be to set up a base camp during the less busy part of the year, between May and August, which all the country's best players, of all age groups, could use for individual and group work. From there I would also work and travel with squads for particular events, like this junior world championship," he said.

Such a programme over five years could cost as much as £250,000, a sum well beyond the internal resources of the SRA. It would need a commercial sponsorship package, according to Bob Morris, the association's chief executive.

Barrington is not interested in any more short term arrangements. "I hope the SRA can put together a package which will allow me to use my experience for England over a useful period," he explained. "I do not want to interfere with individual preparation. Just to harness that preparation to the demands I have studied

"The wealth of talent produced by our grass roots coaching schemes in this country could sweep the world."

YACHTING DIARY

Smith slips through clearance for Seoul

By Barry Pickthall

Two of the sport's highest paid sportsmen, Lawrie Smith, of Britain, and Marc Tajot, of France, have received clearance to compete as amateurs in the Olympic Games this year.

Smith, who received a king's ransom for his services to train *Iain Murray and Peter Gilmour*, of Australia, in the finer points of 12-metre match racing in the last America's Cup, has teamed up with Ed Leask and Jerry Richards in an effort to beat Chris Law, his rival America's Cup helmsman, for the British Olympic berth in the Soling keelboat class.

If the decision taken by the Royal Yachting Association over Smith's eligibility appears questionable, there could be no doubts that "shamateurism" rules across the Channel. Two years ago, Tajot was acclaimed by Elf Aquitaine, his petroleum multi-hull sponsor, as the highest *paid sportsman* in France, earning more than Alain Prost and Rene Arnoux, the grand prix drivers. Yet despite this, the French sailing authority sees nothing amiss in confirming Tajot's amateur status and allowing this former silver medal winner to chase after a gold in the Star class in Seoul.

If amateur has become such a complex status to define, perhaps it will be easier for national authorities to explain to the perplexed majority who sail purely for pleasure, just what constitutes professionalism.

At a conference in Paris last weekend, European sailing nations agreed to institute an annual ranking list for the seven Olympic classes. Starting with the Palamos Christmas regatta in the Mediterranean at the end of the year, crews will count their best five results from nine events including a British series, *perhaps* in Torbay, if negotiations over the proposed siting of a national sailing centre at Weymouth remains bogged down.

The scheme and annual prize-money awarded to the top ranking sailors has been devised to raise interest and standards within the Olympic classes and discourage last-minute medal campaigns by opportunists.

Other events in next year's ranking calendar will include the Anzio, Hyeres and Danish spring regattas, the Whitsun event at Keil, pre-Olympic series at Spa and Tallinn as well as the European championship for each class.

Another to join Smith and Tajot on the medal trail this week, is David Howlett, the former Finn Olympic sailor, who has teamed up with Paul Rushent, the White Crusader's winchgrinder, in a Mader Star keelboat.

After Guy Bernardin, of France, sank of Cape Horn last week to join two other abortive attempts to break Flying Cloud's clipper ship record from New York to San Francisco, members of the Manhattan Yacht Club have paid out $10,000 to purchase an impressive Edwardian trophy to be presented to the first to break this last elusive sailing record.

Three years ago, Chay Blyth and his crewmen capsized in tremendous seas while battling around the infamous Cape and swore then that they would never try it again, but Georges Kolesnikovs, an American Czech whose first attempt also ended in disaster 300 miles further on, is planning a second attempt.

Kolesnikovs is busy preparing Peter Phillips' former 60ft trimaran Travacrest Seaway for an attempt next winter but if that fails, the newly inscribed Flying Cloud perpetual trophy may go to Peter Blake, the New Zealander, who is planning a purpose built 75ft trimaran to tackle the task in 1990.

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FOOTBALL: HOW KINGS OF 1974 COMPARE WITH PRESENT-DAY COUNTERPARTS

Leeds win the test of time thanks to rivals' strength

By David Miller

If Liverpool should avoid defeat against Everton on Sunday, which must be expected, and thereby establish a new unbeaten record of 30 matches, I am among those who will persist in believing, by instinct more than logic, that the Leeds team of 1973-74 was superior. I shall, however, endeavour to bolster instinct with fact.

I say this as one who has always been only grudgingly complimentary towards the Don Revie era at Leeds, on account of the fact that he and his players introduced, and indeed perfected, some of the most retrograde practices of modern football. Johnny Giles has indeed admitted this. There were, as Bill Nicholson says with understatement, a lot of things *about Leeds* you disagreed with.

Yet that is the strength, in a sense, of my argument. I have always thought Leeds were a far better team than they allowed themselves to appear, and should have won many more trophies than two league championships, two Fairs Cups, an FA Cup and a League Cup. They were 10 times the runners-ups at least partially because the marvellous efficiency of their game, comparable to Liverpool's, was undermined by that undercurrent of almost neurotic caution emanating from the manager. You never felt Leeds *enjoyed* their football the way Liverpool do.

Yet maybe the most compelling reason for believing Leeds have a slight edge — in a comparison between different eras and teams which is so fascinating yet in truth so impossible — is that their contemporaries were of so much sterner stuff. Bob Paisley has said that this is currently the poorest first division he can remember, and that fact, agreed by many, must condition any assessment of Liverpool's present unquestionable superiority.

In 1973 there were still a dozen clubs which, though not all having a strong chance, might reasonably be considered as possible champions of the forthcoming season. That number had, by 1987, been reduced to four: Everton, Manchester United, Arsenal and possibly Nottingham Forest.

Nor is it just a matter that the strongest opposition is now less strong. On that aspect for example, look what is happening to Manchester United. Yet additionally, the weak are now weaker. In Revie's day a promoted side such as Derby, under Brian Clough, could come through and win the championship. Not any more.

Today there is, I would say, less probability than at any time this century that that the league leaders will on any day lose to one of the bottom half dozen clubs: an aspect of the league championship which has hitherto been part of the character and strength of England's professional football.

Paisley, never one to be less than objective, thinks that if we are to make comparisons, then the Liverpool team of 1976-77 should be considered among the most consistent: the point being that they, like Leeds, were competing in four competitions rather than three, against formidable competition. They won the European Cup for the first time four days after losing at Wembley to Manchester United.

But that is not the fanciful comparison we are making here: Leeds '74 v Liverpool '88. On mere statistics, the record of Leeds — before they fell 3-2 away to Stoke on February 23 when Geoff Hurst and Ritchie exploited injuries to McQueen and Giles and Dennis Smith headed the winner — is inferior. In 29 matches they have scored 51 goals and conceded 16. Liverpool, drawing away to Derby on Wednesday, have scored 66 and conceded 12.

I don't think there can be any doubt that, goal-scoring apart, the present Liverpool is *the more entertaining, in spite* of having lost this season two such players as Rush and Dalglish. They play more freely: Hansen, Gillespie, Nicol and, *when he is playing*, Lawrenson, probably have more fluency at the back than did Reaney, McQueen, Hunter and Cherry; though we should not under-estimate what an accurate player Hunter was, for all his venom.

If, however, we look at the numbers of players of international quality, then Leeds have an advantage. "Football's a team game," Paisley says, "and there have been better individual players with Liverpool at the moment. As individuals Leeds were maybe better."

Grobbelaar, when not being Norman Wisdom, is perhaps a better shot-stopper than Harvey was; he and Clemence share the remarkable record of only once letting in more goals than either had played matches in a season. Yet while Liverpool can boast only two outstanding players, Hansen and Barnes, Leeds arguably had five: Hunter, Bremner, Giles, Madeley and Clarke.

Elsewhere, it could be said to be level: Aldridge or Johnston on a par with Jones or Jordan, McMahon with Eddie Gray. Over the respective seasons, both teams used a basis of 14 players.

Bill Nicholson veers marginally towards Liverpool. "It's not a matter of individuals, it's the *way* they play," says the man who used to be so critical of even his star players in the early Sixties. "I think Liverpool's team work is exceptional. They always have two or three players supporting the man with the ball, giving him alternatives."

Yet Nicholson admits that 14 years ago the English game was more evenly balanced.

Nevertheless, I stick however provocatively with my opening premise: that if the two teams were to meet, Leeds would win.

HOW THE RECORDS COMPARE

LEEDS UNITED 1973-74		LIVERPOOL 1987-88	
Everton	(h) 3-1	Arsenal	(a) 2-1
Arsenal	(a) 2-1	Coventry City	(a) 4-1
Tottenham	(a) 3-0	West Ham Utd	(a) 1-1
Wolves	(h) 4-1	Oxford Utd	(h) 2-0
Birmingham	(h) 3-0	Charlton Ath	(h) 3-2
Wolves	(a) 2-0	Newcastle Utd	(a) 4-1
Southampton	(a) 2-1	Derby County	(h) 4-0
Manchester Utd	(h) 0-0	Portsmouth	(h) 4-0
Norwich City	(a) 1-0	QPR	(h) 4-0
Stoke City	(h) 1-1	Luton Town	(a) 1-0
Leicester City	(a) 2-2	Everton	(h) 2-0
Liverpool	(h) 1-0	Wimbledon	(a) 1-1
Manchester C	(a) 1-0	Manchester Utd	(a) 1-1
West Ham Utd	(h) 4-1	Norwich City	(h) 0-0
Burnley	(a) 0-0	Watford	(h) 4-0
Coventry City	(h) 3-0	Tottenham H	(a) 2-0
Derby County	(a) 0-0	Chelsea	(h) 2-1
QPR	(h) 2-2	Southampton	(a) 2-2
Ipswich	(a) 3-0	Sheffield Wed	(h) 1-0
Chelsea	(a) 2-1	Oxford Utd	(a) 3-0
Norwich City	(h) 1-0	Newcastle Utd	(h) 4-0
Newcastle Utd	(a) 1-0	Coventry City	(h) 4-0
Birmingham C	(a) 1-1	Arsenal	(h) 2-0
Tottenham H	(h) 1-1	Charlton	(a) 2-0
Southampton	(h) 2-1	West Ham Utd	(h) 0-0
Everton	(a) 0-0	Watford	(a) 4-1
Chelsea	(h) 1-1	Portsmouth	(a) 2-0
Arsenal	(h) 3-1	QPR	(a) 1-0
Manchester Utd	(a) 2-0	Derby County	(a) 1-1
Stoke City	(a) 2-3	Everton	(a) ?

First Division (1973-74)
(after 29 Leeds games)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds United	29	19	10	0	51	16	48
Liverpool	28	16	7	5	37	23	39
Ipswich Town	28	13	6	9	47	42	32
Derby County	28	11	9	8	33	26	31
Everton	28	11	9	8	30	27	31
Burnley	27	11	9	7	34	31	31
Leicester City	28	10	10	8	36	28	30
QPR	28	9	12	7	41	36	30
Newcastle Utd	28	12	5	11	39	32	29
Sheffield Utd	28	10	8	10	37	35	28
Manchester City	28	10	8	10	28	27	28
Southampton	28	9	10	9	37	45	28
Arsenal	29	9	9	11	32	37	27
Tottenham H	28	9	9	10	32	38	27
Coventry City	30	10	7	13	32	41	27
Stoke City	27	7	11	9	35	30	25
Chelsea	28	9	7	12	41	39	25
Wolves	29	8	9	12	34	41	25
West Ham Utd	29	7	9	13	33	44	23
Birmingham C	27	5	9	13	29	47	19
Norwich City	28	4	10	14	22	41	18
Manchester Utd	27	5	7	15	22	36	17

First Division (1987-88)
(after 29 Liverpool games)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	29	22	7	0	67	13	73
Manchester Utd	31	16	10	5	48	30	58
Everton	30	15	8	7	41	18	53
Nottingham F	28	15	7	6	52	28	52
Arsenal	29	15	6	8	45	27	51
QPR	30	14	7	9	35	32	49
Wimbledon	29	12	9	8	42	32	45
Tottenham	33	11	9	13	34	38	42
Coventry	30	10	9	11	37	43	39
Luton	28	11	5	12	40	38	38
Southampton	31	9	10	12	38	43	37
Newcastle	29	9	10	10	35	41	37
Sheffield Wed	31	11	4	16	35	53	37
Norwich	31	11	6	14	34	37	39
West Ham	30	7	12	11	30	40	33
Chelsea	31	8	9	14	38	53	33
Derby County	30	7	10	13	25	34	31
Portsmouth	29	6	12	11	27	46	30
Charlton	31	6	10	15	31	47	28
Oxford	29	6	8	15	35	58	26
Watford	29	5	8	16	18	38	23

Middlesex stars for Wembley

Non-League football
by Paul Newman

Wembley Stadium is preparing for one of its busiest periods. In the next three months the *national football stadium will* stage, among others, the Mercantile Credit Centenary Classic, the Littlewoods Cup Final, the FA Cup Final, the England v Scotland international ... and the final of *Russell Grant's* Middlesex Senior Charity Cup.

In a remarkable coup, Grant, the television astrologer who sponsors the county competition, has persuaded Wembley to stage the match for a reduced fee — which Grant will pay — on Thursday, June 2. Grant, founder and patron of the Friends of the County of Middlesex, sees the occasion as a chance both to promote non-League football, of which he is a keen supporter, and develop his campaign to preserve the county's identity.

Grant said yesterday: "Everyone seemed a bit taken aback at first, but the Wembley authorities warmed to the idea of a Middlesex cup final being staged at the county's *biggest stadium. They see* it as a good chance to do something for the local community. There is also a historical precedent, because Wembley staged the Middlesex British Red Cross *Cup final in 1945*."

Although Grant persuaded Brentford to enter the 87-year old competition, which is run in aid of a benevolent fund for footballers in the county, no other Barclays League or *GM* Vauxhall Conference clubs have taken part this season. The four semi-finalists are Hendon, Finchley, Wembley (all from the Vauxhall-Opel League) and Brentford or Kingsbury.

The final is usually played on the ground of one of the clubs taking part and attracts an attendance of a few hundred. *Grant is hoping for* a Wembley crowd of at least 5,000, or double that if Brentford are playing. The only other comparable Wembley football match is the final of the FA Vase, a national knockout competition for smaller non-League clubs which usually attracts and attendance of more than 10,000.

Glentoran next for Portadown

Portadown, having defeated one of the twin spires of Irish League *football, Linfield,* in a quarter-final of the Bass Irish Cup, face the other, Glentoran, in the semi-final at Windsor Park on April 8 (George Ace writes).

Another outstanding performance in the Portadown goal by Keenan denied Linfield a score, and goals by Davidson either side of the interval booked a semi-final place.

A delighted Ronnie McFaul, the Portadown manager, said: "They put us under a lot of pressure but didn't really create very much. We deserved our win."

New Real fail to stir the emotions

From Clive White, Madrid

It is unlikely that the new Real Madrid, even if they eventually succeed in giving their supporters what they want — their seventh European Cup title — will stand favourable comparison with their famous forebears of the 1950s.

One suspects that the refusal of Ramón Mendoza, their president, to be drawn on comparisons is more *out of* courtesy to the present day side than the past. Perhaps we will never know just how deep runs the undoubtedly rich vein of quality of this modern-day Real.

***Certainly it will take more* penetrative drilling than Bayern Munich, their quarter-final opponents, were capable of in the intimidating Bernabéu Stadium on Wednesday, when Bayern completed the *formality of* losing their 3-2 advantage for an aggregate *4-3 defeat*.**

While Real's performance was impressively composed it was, overall, too *deliberate* to raise *the* temperature, by any significant degree, of the hot-blooded Spanish supporters, many of whom were weaned on the outrageous skills of the supremely confident Puskas, Di Stefano, Gento and *the* rest.

The extrovert Sánchez will always be a popular figure in the present side, even if his acrobatics sometimes appear better suited to Barnum and Bailey than the Bernabéu.

The end too readily justified the means on Wednesday. And it was disappointing to hear Leo Beenhakker, one of Europe's more progressive coaches and a founder member of the Dutch school of expressive football, say as much. "People expect too much from us. They want emotion and a spectacle but it is not *possible* with *such* tension. Neither team played to the best of their ability," he said.

Real's league form has shown no such restraint. The fact that they had thrashed Athletic Bilbao, one of their closest challengers, 5-0 four days earlier and that they had been waiting all season to perform before their public on the European stage, *after suspension* for their dishonourable defeat by Bayern last season, encouraged us to think that something special was in store for the expectant audience of 100,000.

Misplaced respect for the team they had never beaten had a lot to do with it. However much Beenhakker insisted that the first leg score was a fair one, one cannot help thinking that but for the generosity of Eder's back pass and Pfaff's fluff in those "dying" minutes in Munich, Real would now be resigned to a gap of at least 23 years since the European Cup last took pride of place in their trophy room.

And yet there is the unmistakable *feeling that* if Real Madrid's name is not literally on the trophy, it has at least been passed on to the engravers. Real have consistently given of their best in adversity, a position they *have occupied permanently* this season in Europe with difficult ties against Napoli, Porto and Bayern and in two instances without genuine home advantage.

***If their luck remains* consistent they should paired with the menacing PSV Eindhoven in today's semi-final draw which, given their coach's origin, ought to provide a Dutch treat for *somebody if not, hopefully, all of* us.**

Stapleton signed by Derby

Derby County last night signed Frank Stapleton, the former Arsenal and Manchester United forward, on loan until the end of the season from the Dutch club, Ajax of Amsterdam

Their neighbours Nottingham Forest were also engaged in transfer activity, paying Preston North End £150,000 for their 18 year-old forward, Nigel Jemson.

But while Stapleton stands by for an immediate re-introduction to first division action against Coventry City at Highfield Road tomorrow, there is unlikely to be an immediate place in the Forest squad for young Jemson.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

EUROPEAN CUP: *Quarter-finals,* second leg: Anderlecht 1, Benfica 1 (Benfica win 2-1 on agg); PSV Eindhoven 0, Bordeaux 0 (agg 1-1; PSV win on away goals); Rangers 2, Steaua Bucharest 1 (Steaua win 3-2 on agg); Real Madrid 2, Bayern Munich 0 (Real Madrid win 4-3 on agg).

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: *Quarter-finals,* second leg: Ajax 1, Young Boys Berne 0 (Ajax win 2-0 on agg); Dynamo Minsk 1, Mechelen 1 (Mechelen win 2-1 on agg); Sporting Lisbon 1, Atalanta 1 (Atalanta win 3-1 on agg).

UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, second leg: Barcelona 0, Bayer Leverkusen 1 (Leverkusen win 1-0 on agg); Bruges 1, Panathinaikos 0 (Bruges win 3-2on agg); Vitkovice 0, Español 0 (Español win 2-0 on agg); Werder Bremen 1, Verona 1 (Bremen win 2-1 on agg).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: France 2, Italy 1.

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Liverpool 1; Norwich 4, Oxford 2; Queen's Park Rangers 2, Nottingham Forest 1. Second division: Leicester 1, Stoke 1. Third division: Rotherham 1, *Brighton* 0. Fourth division: Cardiff 1, Wrexham 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final: Marine 0, Barrow 1.

BASS IRISH CUP: Quarter-final replay: Portadown 2, Linfield 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, *Coventry 0. Second division:* Blackburn 2, Stoke 0; Doncaster 2, Scunthorpe 2; York 4, Middlesbrough 0.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 0, Tottenham 5; Ipswich 0, Arsenal 2; Oxford 0, Watford 4.

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: First division: Southwick 1, *Oxford City 0;* Wolverton 0, Kingsbury 2. Second division South: Petersfield 1, Ruislip Manor 2.

UNIVERSITIES ATHLETIC UNION CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Exeter 1, Loughborough 2 (at Southampton).

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING COMPETITION: European Group A: Poland 5, Greece 1.

GULF CUP (Riyadh): Saudi Arabia 0, Iraq 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Hungary 1, Turkey 0.

Caldwell given long ban

The Torquay United forward, Dave Caldwell, who has been sent off five times this season, has been fined £150 and banned from eight matches from March 31.

Caldwell, accompanied by his manager, Cyril Knowles, appeared before an FA disciplinary committee at Ashton Gate, Bristol, yesterday to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

The FA representative, Lionel Smart, the chairman of the commission, sitting with Chris Willcox, of the Gloucestershire FA, and Ted Powell, from Hereford, said: "We took a very serious view of the case. I cannot recall a player being sent off so many times in a season."

Knowles said: "They make the decisions and that's it. The ban will take Caldwell up to the end of the season when he will miss eight matches."

Caldwell has the right to appeal and Knowles added: "We will look at it and see if we will. It is a big blow to us and we will have to buy another player before the transfer deadline as we are to gaining promotion.

"It is a shame because the player is not a bad lad. He has not been booked in his last 13 games and some players have been booked a lot more than he has."

Caldwell received a £100 fine after his fourth dismissal but was sent off again after only 13 minutes at Aldershot last month.

"I still can't believe that I did enough wrong to get two bookable offences in 13 minutes," Caldwell said.

"Now I've cut out most of the things that used to get me into *trouble, and the whole business* has affected my performance on the pitch.

"A long ban not only punishes me, but a lot of other people as well — in the club and the supporters on the terraces."

The Sunderland midfield player Steve Doyle has been found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and banned for two matches.

The former Welsh under-21 international has already served a two-match ban and been heavily fined by the club for *being sent off in Sunderland's* 2-2 draw at Preston on February 13.

The manager, Denis Smith, has reacted angrily to the additional ban. "Doyle has been punished enough already" he said. "He has missed two games already, been fined by the club and cannot get his place back in the first team — all for something done in *the heat of the* moment.

"This ban has been imposed by people who were not at the game, people only acting on the *referee's* report. Steve has been treated very harshly."

Doyle was sent off for allegedly stamping on the Preston forward, Nicky Jemson.

GOLF: IRISH PAIR OUT OF LUCK ON ST PATRICK'S DAY AS YOUTH PREVAILS

Putting on a face: Helen Wadsworth at the 17th yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Mitchell and Way keep their nerve

By Patricia Davies

The veterans found themselves elbowed to one side in this Avia Foursome championship at the Berkshire yesterday as Nicola Way and Karen Mitchell, both aged 19, became the youngest winner of the title.

The Sussex pair finished with a level-par 73 on the red course for a total of 305, 13 over par, and a one-shot victory over Angela Uzielli and Liz Boatman, who claim they still break 100 when their ages are combined.

With six holes to play, however, it looked as though the experienced Irish combination of Mary McKenna and Claire Hourihane was going to make it a great St Patrick's Day, for they were two shots clear of the field. But an inopportune eight, three over par, at the 13th put paid to that romantic notion and another dropped shot at the 15th caused the green jumpers displayed in the Pro's shop to wilt visibly.

Way and Mitchell realized they were heading for the biggest win of their short careers when their playing partner, Vicky Thomas, bustled across the fairway at the 17th and told them: "You're in the lead, you're in the lead." Keeping their nerves in check, the youngsters finished with two immaculate pars and the Irish could not make up the deficit.

Way and Mitchell prepared for the event by training with the England under-21 squad in Portugal, but when they were five over par after only eight holes in the second round, Way confessed to her partner: "I just had a feeling we weren't going to do well this week." In the event, she proved to be a far better golfer than she was a pundit.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 305: K Mitchell (Worthing) and N Way (Nevill), 79, 77, 76, 73. **306:** A Uzielli (Berkshire) and E Boatman (Royal Worlington), 75, 83, 74, 74. **307:** C Hourihane (Woodbrook) and M McKenna (Donabate), 77, 77, 77, 76. **309:** S Lawson (Eastwood) and S Shapcott (Knowle), 78, 77, 80, 74. **310:** V Thomas (Pennard) and S Roberts (Llandudno), 78, 78, 77, 77. **312:** S Sutton and H Wadsworth (Princes), 82, 77, 79, 74. **313:** J Collingham (Notts) and T Yarwood (Haydock Park), 79, 79, 78, 77. **315:** J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry) and J Walter (St Ives), 76, 80, 77, 82. **318:** H Dobson (Seacroft) and A Johns (Boston), 76, 85, 77, 80; K Harridge (Cowdray Park) and C Caldwell (Sunningdale), 79, 80, 80, 79. **323:** K Speak (Clitheroe) and A MacDonald (Andover), 75, 83, 86, 79. **326:** S Robinson (Heswall) and J Morley (Sale), 78, 80, 77, 82.

Woosnam faces his high noon

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

High noon was the hour when Ian Woosnam pushed open the saloon door, so to speak, and went out into the dusty sunlight to meet his peers on the United States golf tour yesterday.

It was precisely midday as the Welshman teed off with Bob Gilder and Brad Faxon in Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Classic. He was a trifle nervous perhaps, certainly anxious to do well after his fingers had fumbled on the grips of his clubs recently, yet knowing that he is very welcome.

Woosnam's short stature and boyish appearance, added to the fact that he won $1.8 million (nearly £1m) last season, has caught the American public's imagination.

"He is a combination of Lanny Wadkins and Seve *Ballesteros*," says Greg Norman, one of the world's top players who is revelling in the unexpected virtue that he knows, and is a friend of, Ian Woosnam.

"He is very aggressive and confident. I think he finally realizes how good he can be. He *enjoys driving fast cars, having a* few beers and playing snooker," went on the chauvinistic Australian, "So he can't be all bad, can he?"

"He's impressive," agreed *Gary Koch* "and a pretty good guy, not one of your prima donnas."

Woosnam himself has no doubt where his future lies. "I'd like to play in America but not the 15 tournaments necessary to get a card," said the Briton, who yesterday embarked on a seven-event tour that will take in his first Masters and US Open.

"I'd like to play in about eight every year over here, if I can get the invitations."

In the groove

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club are to permit the continued use of clubs with U-shaped grooves under the Rules of Golf. Extensive studies in the United States have proved that any differences in performance between iron clubs with U and V-shaped grooves was relatively inconsequential.

Faldo straight into groove with putter

Nick Faldo, the Open champion, wasted little time in stamping his authority on the *Barcelona Open* at *El Prat* yesterday. A cultured opening 66 sent the Englishman straight to the head of the first round field.

The British Open champion was not quite at his imperious best from the tee, but was in deadly form on the greens, needing only 26 putts for six under par.

Faldo's effort was later matched by Michael Allen with John de Forest and the teenage Spanish amateur, José Manuel Arruti, a stroke further back.

Faldo's meticulous work on the practice putting green since his return from Australia bore immediate fruit when he holed from 10 feet on the opening green and had three birdies in the first four holes afte starting at the 10th. He made only one mistake, driving too close to trees at the 18th — his ninth — and hitting branches with his recovery. "That was one of the most solid rounds I have played for some time. I feel I am getting into very good shape," *he* said.

Cycling has brought Faldo up to peak fitness and his clever management of the brisk westerly wind over the wooded seaside course was proof that his strokeplay is well advanced for next week's excursion to the US Players championship and then to the masters.

"I'm hitting it solidly and it was just as well because it was not easy in the wind."

SCORES: First round: (GB and Ire unless stated): **66:** N Faldo, M Allen (US). **67:** *J M Arruti (Sp); J de Forest (US). **68:** P Teravainen (US); D Gilford. **69:** H Clark; J-M Olazábal (Sp); *Y Beamonte (Sp); B Marchbank; C Laurence. **70:** G J Brand; P Way; M Persson (Swe); S Bishop; P Jones (Aus); I Mosey; J Anglada (Sp); J Jacobs (US); J Rystrom (Swe). **71:** M Mouland; C Montgomerie; B Lane; P Walton; S Bennett; D Feherty; B E Smith (US); A Chandler; J Bennett; T Charnley; R McFarlane; D Llewellyn; D Williams. **72:** V Singh (Fiji); J Quiros (Sp); P Thomas; M Montes (Sp); R Richardson (SA); R Rafferty; M Roe; C Moody; P McWhinney (Aus); E Romero (Arg); C Mason; E Darcy; A Garrido (Sp); G Ralph, D Ray. **73:** B Longmuir; M Adcock (US); J Rutledge (Can); J McHenry; *R Taya (Sp); D Lozano (Sp); S McAllister; J Hall; A Sherborne; M James; J Anderson (Can); D J Russell; E Rodriguez (Sp). **74:** W Stephens; G Turner; B Norton (US); R Lee; B Lewis; S Luna (Sp); J Slaughter (US); J Morgan; C *O'Connor jnr*; G J *Turner* (NZ); C McClellan (US); A Jimenez (Sp); M Jimenez (Sp); D Cooper; B Malley (US); G

FOR THE RECORD

BIATHLON

JYVAESKYLAE, Finland: Women's 10km: 1, M Manolova (Bul), 36:18pts; 2, A Elvebakk (Nor), 36.24; 3, E Kristiansen (Nor), 36:44; 4, P Schaaf (WG), 37.11; 5, H Oevshur (Nor), 37.44; 6, S Thoresen (No), 37:56. Standings: 1, Elvebakk, 202pts; 2, Kristiansen, 188; 3, N Alekseyeva (Bul), 178.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG CHAMPIONSHIP: Play-offs: Quarter-finals, second legs: Polycell Kingston 114 (Davis 26, Scott 23, Bontrager 20, Moore 19, McNish 17), TNT Bullets 102 (Garther 32, Ogoms 28, Bent 22), Kingston win 2-0, qualify for Wembley finals; Draper Tools Solent Stars 103 (Smith 37, Sewell 25, Scott 17), Portsmouth 113 (Cunningham 30, Strong 22, Glass 13, Irish 13, Spaid 12), Portsmouth win 2-0, qualify for Wembley play-offs.
GRENOBLE: European Cup Winners Cup Final: Limoges 96, Badalona (Sp) 89 (after overtime).
EUROPEAN CUP: *Quarter-final series:* Elan Bearnais Orthez (Fr) 82, Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 91.
UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): New Jersey Nets 83, Milwaukee Bucks 79; Philadelphia 76ers 115, New York Knicks 108; Washington Bullets 106, Chicago Bulls 103; San Antonio Spurs 113, Los Angeles Clippers 110; Utah Jazz 120, Dallas Mavericks 105; Phoenix Suns 118, Golden State Warriors 112.

CRICKET

HARARE: Sri Lanka B 282 for 2 dec (Samarasekara 52, Bulankama 67, Dias 86, *Tillakaratne 75 not out) and 204 for 4 dec* (Samarasekara 71; Dolphin 4 for 78). Zimbabwe Country Districts 226 (Butchart 85; Ramayaka 4 for 33) and 28 for 1.

FOOTBALL

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group A: Ivory Coast 1, Zaire 1; Morocco 1, Algeria 0.

GOLF

JAKARTA: Indonesian Open championship: Second round: 131: Hsieh Yu-shu (Tai), 69, 62. 134: R Laberes (Phil), 65, 69. 135: M Soding (Phil), 65, 70. 136: *P Foley (Aus),* 68, 68; Sumarno (Indo), 68, 67; J Cook (US), 69, 67 137: M Aebli (US), 68, 69. 138: B King (Aus), 68, 70; S Ueshima (Japan), 70, 68; Yuan Ching-chi (Tai), 70, 68; D Walsworth (US), 68, 70; M Trauner (US), 70, 68; M Cunning (US), 69, 69, D Tentis (US), 73, 65
SOUTHERNDOWN GC: Cambridge University *Stymies drew with* Oxford University Divots 7½-7½.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: St Helens 24, Salford 10; Wigan 2, Warrington 6.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath 15, Bridgend 39; Cheltenham 3, Gloucester 21; Lydney 19, Army 9; Llanelli 39, Maesteg 15; Penarth 19, Cardiff 55; Neath 30, Cross Keys 10; Richmond 10, Exeter University 13. Postponed: Leicester v Loughborough Students; Nottingham v Nuneaton; Rugby v Saracens.
COUNTY MATCH: Essex 16, Suffolk 13.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Sussex 12, United Banks 6. Postponed: Northampton v RAF.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Washington Capitals 8, New York Rangers 4; Pittsburgh Penguins 5, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Detroit Red Wings 2, Minnesota North Stars 1, Montreal Canadiens 4, Winnipeg Jets 1; Vancouver Canucks 3, Los Angeles Kings 3 (OT).
CHALLENGE MATCH: Romford 6, Britain under-21 5.

SQUASH RACKETS

LILLESHALL: *National Schools and Colleges under-19 championship:* Final: Holmfirth 4, Chichester 1.
YORKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIP: Men: Harrogate 4, Abbeydale 1 (Harrogate win title).

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: *George Wimpey amateur singles championship:* Quarter-final: I Snell bt C Dean, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-0.
NEWPORT (Rhode Island): United States professional singles championship: Final: C Ronaldson (Eng) bt M Gooding (Scot), 6-3, 4-6, 6-5, 6-4.

TENNIS

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida: Lipton Players International (US unless stated): Men's singles: First round: M Srejber (Cz) bt M Basham, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5, J Navratil (Cz) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; D Goldie bt C Saceanu (WG), 7-6, 4-6, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6. Second round: T Muster (Austria) bt K Curren, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 0-1, retired, M Woodforde (Aus) bt G Connell (Can), 6-2, 6-1, 6-1; R Reneberg bt R Smith (Bahamas), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3; R Krishnan (India) bt J Canter, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt G Bloom (Isr), 7-6, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; A Agassi bt T Nijssen (Neth), 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; T Mayotte bt N Kroon (Swe), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; M Jaite (Arg) bt L Pimek (Cz), 6-4, 6-0, 6-3, T Smid (Cz) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, J Arias bt S Davis, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; A Volkov (USSR) bt C Uwe-Steeb (WG), 7-5, 6-2, 6-1; A Krickstein bt P Lundgren (Swe), 4-6, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5; Y Noah (Fr) bt B Oresar (Yug), 6-1, 7-5, 6-2; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt D Cahill (Aus), 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; P Annacone bt J Courier, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt T Witsken, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Women's singles: First round: Y Kozumi (Japan) bt H Ludloff, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; N Provis (Aus) bt B Schultz (Neth), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; S Gomer (GB) bt H Witvoet (Neth), 7-6, 6-2; E Krapl (Switz) bt M Bollegraf (Neth), 6-2, 4-6, 7-6; T Phelps bt L Spadea, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; *C Porwik (WG) bt Xinyi Li (Chna),* 6-4, 6-0; P Paradis (Fr) bt P Medrado (Br), 6-2, 6-0. Second round: P Casale bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-2, 7-5; R Fairbank (SA) bt L Lapi (It), 6-1, 6-4; A Ivan bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; R Zrubakova (Cz) bt D Faber, 6-3, 6-0; N Tauziat (Fr) bt D Van Rensburg (SA), 7-6, 6-3, L Bonder bt L Allen, 6-3, 6-0; Z Garrison bt J *Hetherington (Can), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, L Golarsa (It)* bt M DaSwardt (SA), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Graf (WG) bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; K Adams bt L Antonoplis, 7-6, 6-3; A DeVries (Bel) bt B Fulco (Arg), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; A Frazier bt S Mascarin, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, L Ferrando (It) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-2, 7-5; E Reinach (SA) bt C Benjamin, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; M Fernandez bt H *Cioffi, 6-2, 6-2; B Potter bt A Holikova (Cz),* 6-3, 7-6; J Durie (GB) bt M Calleja (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; S Rehe bt C Christian, 7-6, 6-4; I Demongeot (Fr) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-3, 6-2; G Sabatini (Arg) bt M Seles (Yug), 7-6, 6-3; *R Reggi* (It) bt K Horvath, 6-4, 7-6.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	50	210	fair	heavy	fair	rain	9
Mountain closed because of rain							
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	50	200	good	heavy	good	snow	4
Snowing above 1,200m							
Obergurgl	110	240	good	varied	good	cloud	1
All runs in good condition							
St Anton	130	490	good	powder	good	snow	0
Good snow, poor visibility							
FRANCE							
Flaine	170	350	good	powder	good	snow	-5
Avalanche danger but most runs open							
Megève	80	250	good	heavy	good	cloud	2
Excellent snow on cote 2,000m							
Morzine	60	200	good	heavy	fair	cloud	1
Heavy snowfalls above 1,300m, slushy below							
Isola 2000	120	170	good	powder	good	fine	1
Excellent skiing							
La Plagne	195	230	good	powder	good	cloud	2
Heavy snowfalls past 48 hours							
Val Thorens	155	215	good	powder	good	snow	-4
Good snow but visibility very poor							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	170	280	good	heavy	closed	cloud	-2
Good skiing on all runs							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	100	190	good	powder	good	snow	-1
Poor visibility mars excellent skiing							
Grindelwald	40	180	good	varied	fair	snow	5
Slushy snow on runs to resort							
Klosters	90	180	good	varied	fair	snow	0
Pistes in good condition, avalanche danger continues							
Verbier	75	230	good	powder	good	snow	-5
Snowing steadily							
Villars	90	210	good	heavy	good	cloud	4
Good skiing conditions							
Wengen	60	200	good	spring	good	cloud	1
Good powder in sheltered areas							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

GERMANY	L	U
Berchtesgaden	50	220
Garmisch	10	150
Hindelang-Oberjoch	100	220
Mittenwald	35	130
Oberammergau	50	150
Oberstaufen	120	170
Oberstdorf	75	505

● Information supplied by the German Automobile Club.

SWITZERLAND	L	U
Adelboden	85	140
Andermatt	120	200
Arosa	110	140
Champéry	80	250
Crans-Montana	130	200
Engelberg	70	200
Gstaad	70	125
Laax-Flims	70	200
Les Diablerets	70	200
Leysin	70	180
Murren	120	170
Pontresina	35	140
Saas Fee	80	200
St Moritz	50	100
Zermatt	60	120

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: all runs complete, wide cover of new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 2,000ft. **Glenshee:** all runs complete, with new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1,500ft. **Glencoe** (open weekends and mondays only): upper and lower runs complete, wide cover of new snow with breakable crust; vertical runs, 2,000ft; hill and main roads, clear; snow level, 1,500ft; **Lecht:** upper and middle runs, complete, wide cover of new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas of new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads, clear; *snow level, 2,000ft.* **Forecast for today:** dry and bright at first in the north east, cloudy in Glencoe; periods of sleet and snow reaching Glencoe in the morning, gradually turning to rain at most levels.

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Top athletes vote for drug tests without warning

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

An overwhelming majority of British athletes, with two notable and perhaps not entirely unexpected exceptions, yesterday offered the strongest backing and advice to officials in the fight against drugs in their sport.

Jack Buckner cited the fact that 254 out of 260 British internationals polled are prepared "to be tested for drugs anytime and anywhere WITHOUT notice". This was part of a four-point initiative by the International Athletes' Club (IAC), of which Buckner is a committee member. Not *all the athletes polled* are members, which lends more strength to the appeal. It was stressed several times that it had much to do with the revelations of drug abuse, published in three articles in *The Times* prior to Christmas.

Following an IAC meeting in January, a letter went out to the 260 senior athletes, whom the *IAC* considered, in the words of David Bedford, its president, were "people who could gain more by taking drugs".

Their response formed *the* basis of the document issued yesterday which began by "abhorring the use of drugs and blood doping". It also urged "the IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation) to strengthen its existing drug testing programme by adding 'random out-of-competition testing' throughout the world to be adminstered by an independent body". Such a move, costly though it may be, would mirror the intention of the Sports Council to implement such a scheme in Britain from April.

The *final* point of *the* document was to signal that the IAC is to increase the number of drug tests at its own track and field meeting, in Edinburgh this summer, and the IAAF is urged to ask the other Grand Prix meetings to *do the same.*

As Bedford pointed out, there is no specific direction from the IAAF as to the number of athletes tested at Grand Prix meetings, but it is generally reckned to be between 10 and a dozen. The *IAC intends to test 20.* And, in one of the most crucial admissions of yesterday's Press conference, Bedford admitted, as meeting promoter, that the entry could suffer. This suggested that the problem is widespread and initiative is one of the most welcome ways of attacking the problem.

Mike Farrell, the secretary of the Amateur Athletic Association added his *congratulations to the* IAC, and emphasized that the national governing body is now committed to barring any athlete found positive from competing in the United *Kingdom. Up until now,* many athletes have been reinstated after an 18-month ban. Farrell also said that any British athletes found guilty of drug-taking would not qualify for reinstatement.

The two non-signatories to the document, apart from the four athletes training abroad who could not be contacted, were *Steve Ovett and Linford* Christie. It would be unwise to read too much into their refusals. Ovett has always been averse to publicity, other than that which he engenders himself; and Christie has taken over the Ovett mantle in his distrust of the Press and allied enterprises.

They both gave what they *evidently thought were good* reasons for their refusals. Christie said that his views on the subject *had already* been made public and he therefore did not need to repeat them. And indeed, the day following the exposé, *The Times* carried Christie's own proposal to be tested anytime without warning.

Ovett wrote *to* Buckner, citing the various investigations into drug abuse, saying: 'I therefore think it best that we wait for the outcome of *such findings before taking* any further steps which within themselves could indirectly shed bad light on our sport."

Budd's future is now in the hands of governing body

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd is still not free from pressure, even temporarily, after her withdrawal from Britain's team for the world cross-country championship in New Zealand *on March 26.* She is now likely to be told that she cannot race, even in domestic competitions, until after the International Amateur Athletic Federation inquiry into her eligibility at the council meeting in London on *April 16. And she will be able* to compete subsequently only if she gets clearance from the IAAF.

Since Budd herself with*drew from the British team for* Auckland, the IAAF did not have to carry out its threat to withdraw or suspend her. Accordingly, she and John Bryant, her coach, confirmed yesterday that she would be running elsewhere. But the British Amateur Athletic Board said yesterday that they were seeking clarification on that point from the IAAF, *whose officials were already in* transit last night for New Zealand.

So this whole farrago is continuing. It is understood that the African nations, which demanded Budd's withdrawal on the grounds that she may have competed in South Africa last year, insisted on her suspension. But the tooing and froing, allied to the pussyfooting of both the *international and British* federations, and Budd's subsequent withdrawal, short-circuited that move.

Before this development l*ater yesterday, Budd had said* that she was "glad everything was over, for the time being. I think that it's best that it was resolved this way. But I am definitely going to race before April 15. I don't mind what *happens at that meeting,* as long as I am cleared."

*Budd said that the dif*ference between her promises to stay in Britain now and on former occasions (which she did not keep) was that: "I am not having medical treatment, which is why I went back to South Africa last year. But I *admit I did stay too long.* I've already enrolled at a local college near Guildford to do my A-levels; that's another reason why I intend to stay."

But all of that is probably dependent on the outcome of *the IAAF council meeting in* three weeks' time.

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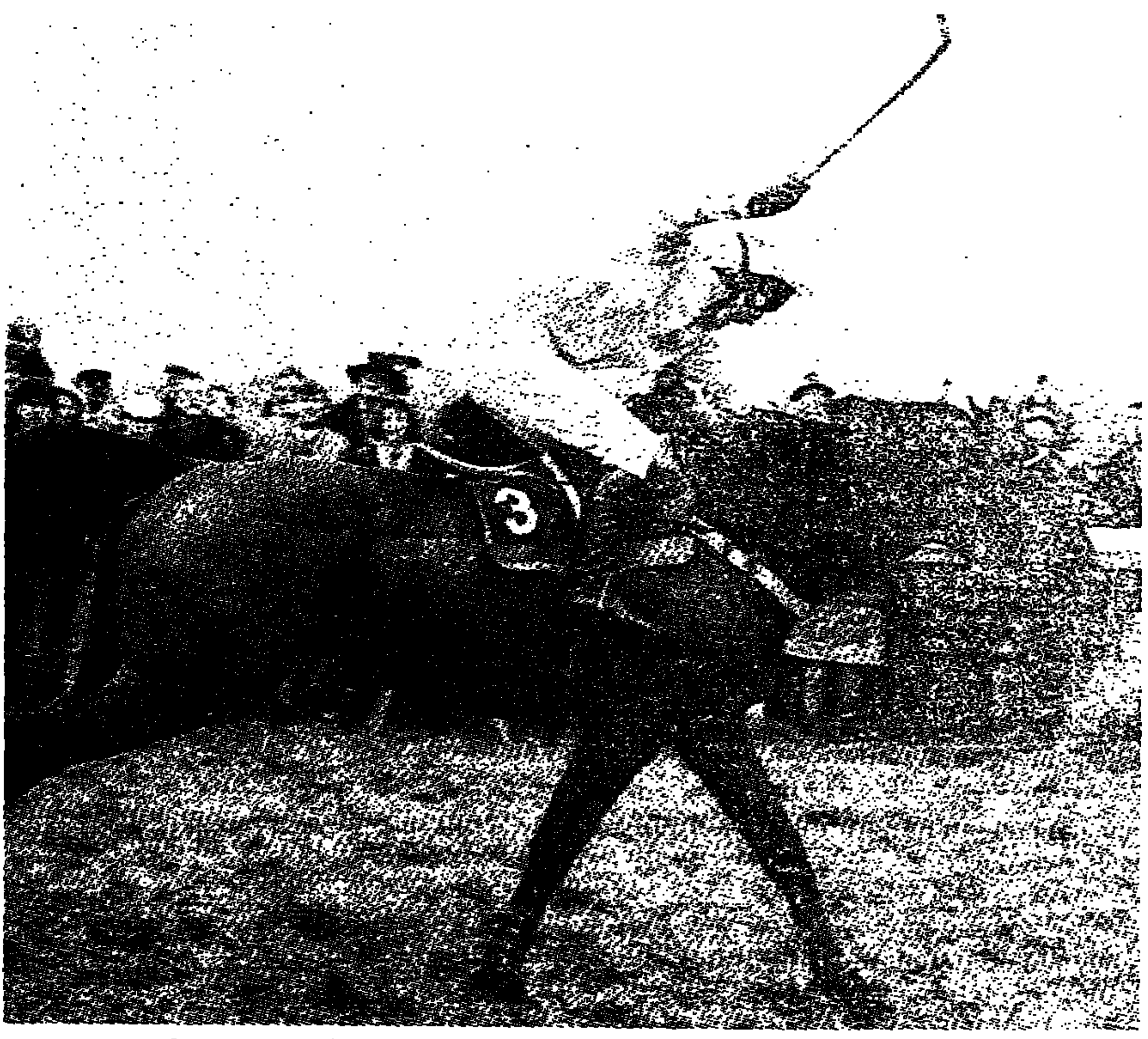
Golden moment: Charter Party, ridden by Richard Dunwoody, storms home to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup yesterday from Cavvies Clown and Beau Ranger (Photograph: Ian Stewart). Report, page 43

Yates sets a splendid example

By Richard Eaton

Nick Yates defeated the World Grand Prix title holder Zhang Quingwu and the Euro*pean and Commonwealth* champion, Helen Troke, proved that her 15 months of purgatory are over with another splendid triumph, that made her one of a trio of English singles players who reached the quarter-finals of *the Yonex All England* Championships at Wembley yesterday.

Yates' victory was, theoretically, the bigger upset. He won *15-6, 15-10 against the No. 5* seed after coming from 6-9 down in the second game. However, he did it against a man he also beat whilst unexpectedly winning the Japan Open in Tokyo two months ago.

The 26-year-old Yates was as steady as a rock, and is not without hope of further progress today Fri against *"steady" Eddie Kurniawan,* the third-seeded Indonesian.

Troke's victory however, is probably the more significant. Only a month ago there were *those suggesting the 23-year-*old Hampshire woman might never again be the player she was. Now in quick succession she has defeated the second-seeded South Korean Hwang Hye-Yung and the precocious 17-year-old Indonesian starlet Susi Susanti.

Susanti, conquerer of the All England champion Kirsten Larsen in the *World Championships* yesterday won the first game in less than five minutes and had two match points at 11-9 in the final game before losing 1-11, 11-1, 12-11. Troke hung on and was gifted some surprising mistakes when it mattered most. "*I thought that might* happen," Troke said. "I appreciate it much more now than I did. I think this proves I am back."

She now plays the fifth-seeded Gu Jiaming, a Chinese *opponent against whom* she has both won and lost previously, whilst Darren Hall, the English national champion meets his regular sparring partner Morten Frost, the Hertfordshire-based Dane *who is the title holder,* after beating India's Vimal Kumar.

Men's singles: Third round: M Frost (Den) bt P-G Jonsson (Swe), 15-7, 15-4; D Hall (Eng) bt V Kumar (India), 15-11, 15-11; I Frederiksen (Den) bt P Pelupessy (Neth), 15-9, 15-9; E Kurniawan (Indo) bt J Andersen (Den), 10-15, 15-3, 15-8; N Yates (Eng) bt Zhang Qingwu (China), 15-6, 15-10; M Kjeldsen (Den) bt Foo Kok Keong (Mal), 18-14, 10-15, 15-9; J Nierhoff (Den) bt Sze Yu (Aus), 15-6, 15-7; Park Sung-Bae (Korea) bt Zhao Jianhua (China), 15-12, 15-8.

Women's singles: Third round; Han Aiping (China) bt Y Koizumi (Japan), 11-1, 11-3; Lee Young-Suk (S Kor) bt C Hattens (Den), 11-5, 11-7; K Larsen (Den) bt K Jinnai (Japan), 11-5, 11-8; Qian Ping (China) bt J Munday (Eng), 11-2, 11-0; S Kitada (Japan) bt G Gowers (Eng), 11-5, 11-5; Zheng Yuli (China) bt C Bostofte (Den), 11-5, 11-4; Gu Jiaming (China) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-4, 11-3; H Troke (Eng) bt S Susanti (Indo), 1-11, 11-1, 12-11.

Botham's case is adjourned

Perth (Reuter) — The case against the England cricketer, Ian Botham, was adjourned until next Wednesday when *he appeared in court here* yesterday. He is charged with assaulting two passengers and disorderly conduct on a flight between Brisbane and Perth on Tuesday.

Police allege that Botham grabbed a passenger in a headlock and used abusive language during the flight. He was not asked to plead during the hearing that lasted only a few minutes.

Botham was accompanied by the Australian fast bowler, Dennis Lillee, who put up the original bail of A$5,000 (about £2,000) for Botham, who is *now clear to play for Queens*land in the Sheffield Shield final with Western Australia which starts today. Also in court was his solicitor.

The magistrate, Terry McIntyre, who granted a request for an adjournment of six days, also reduced bail to A$1,000, with the same sum as surety.

Botham, who has been joined in Perth by his wife, *Kathy, is* also facing possible disciplinary action by the Australian Cricket Board for an alleged breach of behaviour regulation in the same incident. Only last week the board fined him A$500 for swearing at the umpires in a match against Victoria.

WCT picks Bellamy for award

Rex Bellamy, the Tennis Correspondent of *The Times,* is to be the recipient of this year's World Championship Tennis Services to Tennis Award. *He will be presented* with the award at a celebration dinner in Dallas on April 2 and joins an impressive list of personalities from the sport, including Fred Perry, Don Budge and Rod Laver, to be honoured.

The award has been the highlight of the annual charity dinner since it was introduced in 1973 and Patrick Deuchar, WCT's London director, said: "It does not need me to explain why this extraordinarily gifted and prolific writer should be *given the award; perhaps the* only surprise is that he has not received it before."

PAST WINNERS: 1973: Charlton Heston; 1974: James Franciscus; 1975: Allison Danzig; 1976: Gladys Heldman; 1977: Derek Hardwick; 1978: Bill Talbert; 1979: Harry Hopman; 1980: Arthur Ashe; 1981: Ken Rosewall/Rod Laver; 1982: Don Budge; 1983: Nancy Jeffett; 1984: Howard Head; 1985: Lou Einwick; 1986: Fred Perry; 1987: Jean Borotra.

Police chief reprimands Richards for cup prank

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union (RFU) will issue a statement on Monday concerning the Calcutta Cup affair which *resulted in John Jeffrey, the* Scottish flanker, being suspended from the game until August. However Dean Richards, the Leicester No. 8, has been *interviewed* by RFU officials.

Richards, who is based at Hinckley, was also reprimanded yesterday by Michael Hirst, the Chief Constable of Leicestershire, for his involvement when the cup received *£1,000 in damage. Hirst said* he was "saddened" by the behaviour of Richards and added: "It indicates a degree of irresponsibility which I would not have expected from a serving police officer or a member of the England XV."

Richards's part in the escapade after the game between Scotland and England this month, has been known for some time. The player himself preferred to make no comment when England trained at *the Stoop Memorial ground* yesterday, in preparation for tomorrow's game against Ireland at Twickenham.

I do not think the RFU will *mirror* the suspension imposed by Scotland on Jeffrey. A ban on Richards would have to include either the Millenium match against Ireland in Dublin next month or the Australian tour in May and June, for which the party will be announced next Tuesday.

England's training yesterday did not include Halliday, the Bath centre, whose car broke down. He arrived only in time to warm up, his place being taken in the England three-quarters by Barley (*Wakefield*).

On Wednesday evening England's A and B sides had between 40 and 50 scrummages, during which Dooley established his fitness after a kick on the base of the spine for Lancashire. Probyn, the Wasps prop, has also recovered from a stomach complaint which kept him out of his club's match at the weekend.

"We must keep setting ourselves the highest possible standards," Geoff Cooke, the team manager said. "We are a long way away from what we *think* we are capable of achieving. On Saturday we are looking to take another step forward from the Scotland game.

"*Ireland* are a very committed team. In the games I have seen they have gone single-mindedly to disrupt opponents, particularly in the *lineout. They have a talented* back division and good players in the back row. They will *have identified* that they have not scrummaged very well."

Ireland trained at Clontarf before flying from Dublin

Doubts about Davies

By Gerald Davies

It is going to be touch and go whether Jonathan Davies, the Welsh stand-off half, will be fit enough to play against France on Saturday in the match that will decide the outcome of the five nations' championship. He will *undergo* a fitness this morning on the calf muscle he damaged during the Welsh training session on Wednesday evening.

"It is not an injury I've had before," he said. "So I cannot really say how it's going to respond in the next 24 hours.

It is a mystery to me how it happened. We had gone through our usual warming up routine and I was feeling good. *And then, quickening the pace* up and suddenly turning, I felt a sharp pain at the back of the leg.

"I went off straight away and had some treatment. *Since then I haven't done any* running at all and I am not going to attempt to do so until I am tested. At least, I cannot feel any pain when I walk."

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Mrs Tyson steals the show

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Tokyo

The face-to-face between *Mike Tyson* and Tony Tubbs, the challenger for the world heavyweight boxing title, was the flattest ever — flatter even than some of Tyson's opponents.

The meeting at which the two boxers had their final say *was conducted in Japanese* and English and by the time each question was translated *into the two languages* Tyson and Tubbs had either forgotten what the question was or wished it had never been asked.

The answers came in yesses, nos and don't knows and one was almost wishing that Don King, who has promoted all the title bouts in this series, and has shares in this one, was *here to enliven the proceed*ings with his outrageous English and malapropisms ("Leningrad must be turning in his grave").

The best thing was Tubbs's Amritraj-type smile, that is until Mrs Tyson, the champion's wife, who is one of the stars of the teenage sit-com, *Head Of The Class,* appeared on the scene.

It was just what the press needed. The actress, aged 23, spoke with a fetching I'm-just-about-to-leave half smile on *her face. But she was in no* hurry at all even if Tyson disappeared after the news *conference, escorted by his* six-man Japanese bodyguard, to do his Garbo bit.

"Why didn't you talk to us all these days?" someone *asked. "Because no one asked* me to," the actress, whose stage name is Robin Givens, said, denying reports that Tyson and she had been living apart while the champion was training. "We go to bed at 6.30. Sometimes Mike falls asleep in my suite, and sometimes I fall asleep in his."

This was a chance the Press might have seized for a comment on the "No sex, please, *I'm the champ*" angle in view of Tyson's attitude on the subject of marriage and training. But boxing writers deemed this line of questioning definitely below the belt and neatly side-stepped it.

Tyson has had a very successful four weeks training in Japan. He has reached a level of fitness never seen *before and Alexis Arguello,* the former triple world champion, was still talking about it into the early hours.

Tyson's trainer Kevin Rooney *was, however, suitably* modest about the champion's boxing ability. "He is still a novice *when you think about* great world champions like Joe Louis, who reigned for 12 years,' Rooney said. "Mike has been champion for only a couple of years and has not boxed too many rounds. But he will be as great as Louis I'm sure. Already he is a different fighter to the one that fought Bonecrusher and Tucker. It's because *he has goals. Right* now he is after Marciano's record of 49 wins."

At the rate Tyson is going he should reach it in 1991, by which time he should be half way to Louis's greatness.

Woosnam is next SANROC target

Ian Woosnam faces a testing 1988 golf season if he becomes a new victim of the anti-apartheid protesters who have successfully campaigned against Zola Budd.

SANROC, *the South African Non-Racial Olympic* Organisation, has made Woosnam their next target, following their success in forcing Budd to withdraw from the British team taking part in the World Cross-country Championships in New Zealand next weekend.

Woosnam was first blacklisted by SANROC last June for playing in South Africa, the same time that footballer Sir Stanley Matthews was put under the anti-apartheid spotlight for coaching in South Africa.

Bernhard Langer of West Germany, *American* Lanny Wadkins, and Woosnam's Ryder Cup colleague Howard Clark, are the latest additions to a long list of golfers blacklisted for playing in South Africa.

But Woosnam became a natural successor to Budd following a *remarkable* 1987

Woosnam was revealed as the next target of the anti-apartheid camapigners after Tony Ward, British athletics' spokesman, had accused the anti-apartheid campaigners of picking on athletics and Budd.

But SANROC chairman Sam Ramsamy has defended their tactics: "We have been *consistent in labelling* our targets," he said. "We have more supporters in some sports and that means that the results are not always consistent.

Woosnam has already faced humiliation for playing in Sun City, as Heathrow Airport customs officials spent two hours questioning and searching him on his return from Bohupthatswana.

END COLUMN

Jansher defeat is a victory for game

By Colin McQuillan

There are moments in all great debates when the weight of *majority opinion* can actually be seen to be shifting in one direction or another.

The Guy Laroche French Open Championship in Paris last week will almost certainly come to be seen as a watershed in the changing face of international *squash rackets.*

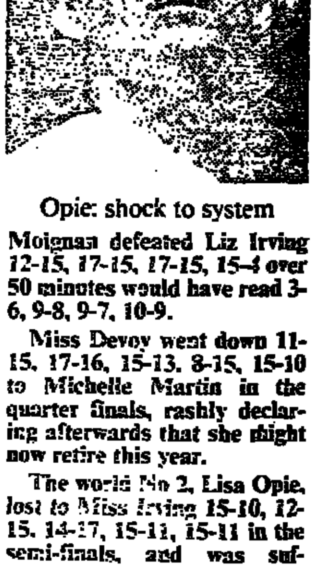
Odd how the French manage to capture vital moments of a sport in which they are neither competitively dominant *nor* particulary influential on a grass roots level.

In November 1986, they hosted in Toulouse a magnificent World Open in which Jahangir Khan lost both his title and his 5½-year undefeated record to Ross Norman. This time *they provided* another in the series of experiments with American-per-rally scoring, a lower 17-inch tin and a single serve without a cutline on the front wall, and they contrived to scuttle both world champions, Jansher Khan *and* Susan Devoy, while providing Jahangir with his first victory over Jansher in nine attempts *this season.*

Jahangir's win in Sunday's fascinating 106-minute final brought gales of applause from a normally reserved Parisian audience and *sighs of relief* from the touring professionals. Jansher, who was looking ominously capable of imposing another long victorious sequence, becomes noticeably more vulnerable under the experimental format.

He had to fight his way through determined attacks from Rodney Martin and Chris Dittmar before falling to Jahangir 15-9, 10-15, 15-13, 15-5.

Independent comparative scoring showed that the outcome would have been little different under normal international rules. The scoreline of the men's final would have read 8-2, 5-7, 8-5, 11-1 in Jahangir's favour. The women's final, in which Martine Le Moignan defeated Liz Irving *12-15, 17-15, 17-15, 15-4* over 50 minutes would have read 3-6, 9-8, 9-7, 10-9.


Opie: shock to system

Miss Devoy went down 11-15, 17-16, 15-13, 8-15, 15-10 to Michelle Martin in the quarter finals, rashly declaring afterwards that she might now retire this year.

The world No 2, Lisa Opie, *lost to Miss Irving 15-10,* 12-15, 14-17, 15-11, 15-11 in the semi-finals, and was sufficiently disturbed to leave without taking the mandatory drug test.

Games often finished on precisely the same rally under both scoring styles and rarely differed in duration by more than half a dozen rallies.

The early psychology of games did differ dramatically, however, and exciting sudden death conclusions were both visually and emotionally gripping.

The board of the International Squash Players Association has long argued that this format could produce a game more attractive to spectators and television. They must have left Paris confident that most of their members and event promoters *would agree* and that their April AGM would vote for complete Grand Prix adoption of the format in 1989.

Even the English Squash Rackets *Association* appears to have been moved somewhat from a total opposition to the *proposed* changes. They had observers in Paris and have asked ISPA for detailed analysis of the results, with a view to changing the British Open Championships to the experimental format if promoters and television producers are agreeable.

Jahangir may wish such moves had occurred earlier. It is *certainly* too late for the 1988 Hi-Tec British Open starting on April 10 to switch *into the point per rally scoring* and lowered tin that certainly helped him overcome Jansher.

The young world champion has this season lost only to Jahangir *in Paris and Rodney* Martin in Toronto, both times under the experimental format. *There is little doubt that* he is now more within the compass of other top players.